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Memories of Mother

In honor of my own dearest Mother,
Greater than whom there is no other;
With pen in hand I'll strike a line
In memory of that sweet Mother of mine.

She from whom all nations came
Excels in power and in name;
Life's virtues begin with Mother dear,
In our saddest hours she is ever near.

Place a diadem upon her silvery head,
That her life's honor may be read
By those whose hearts sin has torn,
That they may turn from paths forlorn.

Dear Mother, the crown of all creation,
Worthy of deepest praise and adoration,
I'll ascribe here an anthem of praise
In memory of her and childhood days.

—Editor.

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ADVERSITIES FILLING THE CHURCHES

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UNIFICATION OF NATIONS

Of course you have noticed how the governments of the world are trying to hold together thru the League of Na-

tions, the World Court, etc. You have equally noticed how changeable and uncertain are these efforts. It is possible for Japan to withdraw and defy both the League and the world. One noted author said that the League of Nations had been changed like paper on the wall. Following on the heels of all previous changes, comes Mussolini advocating a four-power pact in Europe. The casual observer immediately recognizes the lack of stability in international fabric. Of course, they will still try to hang together, but will end in failure, the fabric of which will be tested by the smiting stone or stone kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ mentioned in Dan. 2:34-35.

INDUSTRIES

Even though these same nations are trying to engage each other's amity thru industries, time proves that whatever buying relation exists between nations is liable to suspension with the likes or dislikes of either the buying or selling nation, so that the revival of world trade fluctuates according to the ambitious purpose of each nation. Yet there is no less an effort to unify industry of the nations of today.

UNIFICATION BY RADIO

The pope of Rome has built his large and powerful radio station thru which he hopes to address, not only the entire clergy of the world, but laity as well, which has for its object the binding together of mankind in some form, yet misunderstood brotherhood.

Stalin of Russia equally plans a worldwide radio in connection with a plan to nationalize the world. All these are an imitation of God's purposed government of all nations under one head, the Lord Jesus Christ, and under one priesthood thru the Lord Jesus Christ and one universal system of God's voice broadcast to all mankind, which will prove to be the only true power of national and internationalism.

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TESTIMONIES

To afford some of this class of reading material to those who desire it, we will run about one page of it in each Evangel. We would like to publish all outstanding miracles of healing and remarkable answers to prayer, as well as some testimonies. Please condense these as much as possible, otherwise we will need to do that here. We will be able to publish only a limited amount.—Editor.

NOTICE

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SUBSCRIPTION LIST ON INCREASE

The subscription list is very satisfactorily increasing. We have something over 350 subscriptions to be entered this week. Week before last the stencil operator had to work some over time to take care of the subscription list which was in excess of five hundred. We hope this keeps moving up.

BANKING

With approximately 14,000 of the nation's more than 17,000 banks doing business again the banking situation or crisis becomes history.

The American Banker says that nearly \$40,000,000,000 on deposit in the banks of the country became available as purchasing power by the ending of the banking holiday.

When it extended the time limit for hoarders to return their stocks to the banks to March 27, the Treasury announced that up to March 15 a total of \$327,000,000 had been returned by hoarders.—The Pathfinder.



Feet Washing

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

FOOT, (reghel, karsol, only twice in passages: 2 Sam. 22:37 and Ps. 18:36, where it probably means ankle; pous): the dusty roads of Pal and other eastern lands make a much greater care of the feet necessary than we are accustomed to bestow upon them. The absence of socks or stockings, the use of sandals and low shoes rather than boots and, to an even greater degree, the frequent habit of walking barefoot make it necessary to wash the feet repeatedly every day. This is always done when entering the house, especially the better upper rooms which are usually carpeted. It is a common dictate of good manners to perform this duty to a visitor, either personally or through a servant; at least water for washing has to be presented (Gen. 18:4; Luke 7:44). This has therefore become almost synonymous with the bestowal of hospitality (1 Tim. 5:10). At an early date this service was considered one of the lowest tasks of servants (1 Sam. 25:41), probably because the youngest and least trained servants were charged with the task, or because of the idea of defilement connected with the foot. It was, for the same reason, if rendered voluntarily, a service which betokened complete devotion. Jesus taught the greatest lesson of humility by performing this humble service to His disciples (John 13:4-15). The undoing of the latches or leather thongs of the sandals (Mark 1:7; Luke 3:16; John 1:27) seems to refer to the same menial duty.

Often the feet and shoes were dusted on the highway, as is being done in the Orient to this day, but if it were done in an ostentatious manner in the presence of a person or a community who had refused hospitality to a stranger, it was understood in the same sense in which the cutting in two of the tablecloth was considered in the days of knighthood: it meant rejection and separation (Mt. 10:14; Acts 13:51).

The roads of the desert were not only dusty but rough, and the wanderer was almost sure to ruin his ill-made shoes and wound his weary feet. A special providence of God protected the children of Israel from this experience during the

long journey through the wilderness. "Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years" (Deut. 8:4; 29:5).

In the house shoes and sandals were never worn; even the most delicate would put on shoes only when going out (Deut. 28:56). The shoes were left outside of the house or in a vestibule. This was especially done in the house of God and at the time of prayer, for whenever or wherever that might be, the law was: "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5; Josh. 5:15; Acts 7:33). This custom still prevails among the Moslems of our day. Probably it was the idea of defilement through contact with the common ground which gave rise to its moral application by the Preacher, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God" (Eccl. 5:1; Heb. 4:17).—International Bible Encyclopedia.

WASHING FEET A NEW TESTAMENT ORDINANCE

Washing of the feet as an Old Testament custom was administered upon entrance of a traveler into a house. It is especially significant as used here: the fact is that the weary travelers from the path of sin, through Christ were entering into "a house," a new one being "built," Eph. 2:20,22. Jesus Christ stoops as the lowest form of a servant to wash the weary sinner from the defilement of sin by the death of "his broken body" and "shed blood," the emblems of which He had just instituted into the Church previous to the performance of this sacred rite. He here institutes "feet washing" as a memorial of His offices of humility in service to His brethren. Saying, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." If we understand the means and why of redemption, "happy are we" if we assist each other in our Christian journey.

AFTER SUPPER

The washing followed the supper, Luke 22:19-20; John 13:2. From the Old Testament point of view, Christ is here receiving as His guests (those entering thru His death) into His own house (the Church over which He is Head) those

who are seeking entrance. Therefore, "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciple's feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Jno. 13:4-8. The fact of Peter's needed cleansing thru His shed blood, was here signified by "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."

It was not a mere test of fellowship here in question, as is proven by the fact that Jesus answered, "Ye are not all clean." That is, Judas was rejecting Christ by betraying Him. And as a result he was not clean. A mere washing of feet would not suffice, where a rejection of the atonement about to be made was in effect. Jesus saith to him, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all." Peter as a believer in Christ was already "every whit * * * clean" and needed no further cleansing, except an appropriation of grace through Christ to keep from future defilement as he journeyed through life. Dr. Scofield has beautifully illustrated the believer as one returning from the "public bath house," who upon entering into a room would need "his feet washed." The exact equivalent of a Christian already cleaned, being refreshed and renewed by grace.

LORD AND MASTER

"If I * * * your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Pet. 4:10. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Wherefore, receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God." Rom. 15:7.

As the "bread and wine" are retrospec-

tive, pointing to the shedding of His blood in death, even so "the washing of feet" looks back to the humiliation and condescension of Christ to become a servant of men, to supply grace and cleansing from sin by His death. Mark 10:45;

Matt. 20:28. As the "bread and wine" were intended to "shew the Lord's death until he come," even so "washing of feet" follows to show the emptying of Himself to become the servants of men. Phil. 2:7. If ye know Christ happy are we, if we share our treasure with others.

Saul's Armour

By EARL A. CRIPPS

AND David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these for I have not proved them." The simplicity of David's weapons and his dependence on an Almighty God was the secret of his success. Like him, we can take the little stones: John 3:16, James 5:14, Acts 2:4, etc., and bring down all the Goliaths of unbelief. The Word in season and out of season is the secret of the Church's success. Any deviation from it undermines the whole structure. Any doubt as to God's ability or willingness to fulfill any of its promises would destroy faith for its universal acceptance. Any precedent in the life of Jesus or the Acts of the Apostles to the contrary would be a paradox that would make it of none effect.

It is only those who are wresting the Scriptures that are cheating themselves out of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with "do all speak with tongues?" out of divine healing with Paul's "thorn in the flesh," out of salvation with predestination, or out of any other precious promise. Salvation is for all "for God so loved

the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Healing is for all for Jesus "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness." The baptism of the Holy Ghost is for all for "in the last days, saith the Lord, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." The signs that follow are for all believers or God would be a respecter of persons. The time has passed for tin-soldiers, clanking around in Saul's armor, to hand out high sounding platitudes, philosophy, science, etc. Jesus is coming soon and God is looking for a people after His own heart to pass on His exceeding great and precious promises to millions of Chinese, Hindus, and others who will mix faith with them and thereby profit by them. And just as those who would go around saying that twenty dollar bills were not good would get into trouble with the government, so those who say that the promises are not yea and amen to every one that believeth will get into trouble with God.

Service opened Saturday morning at ten o'clock. At this service Brother Brewer brought us a message on "Evangelism." This was a very timely message. Brother G. G. Williams then brought a message on "A Pastor and His Flock." This is a big subject but I feel sure that everyone present will agree with me that by the time Brother Williams had finished he had well proven his ability for delivering the discourse. Brother Latimer was the next speaker directing his message to the ministry. This proved very beneficent indeed. Saturday night service opened with songs, prayers, and testimonies after which Brother Latimer gave us a "Prophetic Message" which made us to know that we are surely right near the soon coming of Jesus.

Sunday morning Brother Latimer brought us a wonderful message on "The last Mile of the Way." This was a blessed time. The Lord did bless. I am originally from Texas and sometimes we West Texas people are visited with high winds seasoned with little bits of sand and even gravel and the ones caught out of shelter suffer quite an unpleasant experience. But oh! the breezes we felt in this Sunday morning service carried with them such a pleasant result that we are convinced they were coming directly off the throne of God for they were most deliciously seasoned with the glories of the celestial world. After this dinner was spread and we enjoyed the good eats

these good people had prepared.

In the afternoon the service was given to the representation of the districts. The first part of Sunday night services were devoted to the young people. This seemed to be enjoyed by all. Mississippi has some young people that are enthusiastic about the Lord's work. After this Brother Latimer brought the closing message which was on the "Reign of the Antichrist." This message sent a renewed desire in our hearts to be true and faithful to the Lord and able to go in the rap-ture.

Brother McClendon proved himself a very competent leader for God's people throughout the entire convention. He was at his post of duty. I believe that those who attended this convention have gone back to their field of labor with a great desire to be real soldiers of the cross. —Ora Mae Ruff, Booneville, Miss., Box 73.

Y. P. E. DIST CONVENTION

As I undertake to write a few words to the Evangel, the paper I love so well, my soul mounts higher and higher, praise the Lord! I am rejoicing in the name of Him who said, Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Several years ago the Lord let the message of salvation come to this place and praise His name there were a few of us who accepted it. Now we have a good lively church and Sunday School. We are also blessed to have another good pastor this year. Brother J. W. Shaw is a real good pastor and is doing his best for the Lord and His church. If you want to be in a good service just drop by at service time and I'm sure you'll want to come again.

The C. of G. Y. P. E. district convention was held at this place Feb. 18th. Service began about ten-thirty a. m. with good singing, prayers and testimonies in the old time way. By this time we had the crowd and the power. Brother Degolyer, our assistant district superintendent, was in charge of the program so he just let the Lord have His way. After special singing and music Brother U. D. Tidwell brought the morning message. You talk about a soul stirring message, I believe it came first thru the throne. After service was dismissed you could hear the whispers one to another, "Wasn't that a wonderful message?" Dear reader, I want to say that the Gospel is the same and has the same effect as it did at Pentecost.

At noon there was a table spread with plenty of good eats which was greatly enjoyed by all present. After dinner service was opened again with good singing and praying. There was special music rendered by two young men from Jacksonville, on their guitars, which was very much enjoyed. After a response from each church represented, the service came to a close with goodbyes and handshakes and each left for home to do more for the Lord. Pray for the church at this place that we'll obey the Master.—Viola Coleman, Olustee, Fla.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—Our state overseer having requested that I make a report of our North Mississippi state convention I will now endeavor to present to your minds some of the good things that we enjoyed on this good occasion. The convention convened at Thorn, Miss., March 17-19 inclusive. From the first to the last of this convention I feel that it was quite perspicuous to the minds of the unsaved as well as the saints that our God is not a God afar off but a God at hand. We do not wish to extend to any earthly individual flattery words of praise for the success of this occasion, but to the Lord we give praise and honor for His presence was paramount to all others. However, we do highly commend our General Overseer, state overseer and others for having their hearts and lives in subjection to the Spirit of God inasmuch that He was able to make Himself definitely felt in our midst.

Service opened Friday night with songs and prayer and remarks by our state overseer. We had special songs by the Blackwood brothers. After this Brother Brous brought a thirty minute discourse on "Faith and Works." Sister Brous gave a message on "Security from the Storms of Opposition." We had another thirty minute talk after this on "Facing the Conflict."

The First Love Lost

By FOREST S. ASH

Rev. 2:4.

OUR text has to do with love and its work and we believe that without it we would not be able to exist as a church today. If we spend a few minutes in prayerful meditation on the words of this verse of scripture and a few verses preceding it and see Jesus as He really is in the midst of the seven churches, holding the ministers of those churches in His right hand, we should at once see how the words, "Thou hast left thy first love" would apply to many today.

Christ's method of dealing with His church is with "love" first and last. In 1 Cor. 13th chapter we find that love never fails. We find in our own experience that love will not fail. The church that is on fire with the love of God is going forward with leaps and bounds. The community around about her is stirred. Other churches take on new zeal and many souls are encouraged to press into the kingdom of God. And, oh, what rejoicing, shouting, speaking in tongues, prophesying, healings, and unfolding of God's divine Word (knowledge). Charity (love) will feed the poor, suffers long, covers a multitude of sins (1 Pet. 4:8), is kind, envieth not, isn't rash, brings good behavior, seeketh the good of others, Phil. 2:3,4, can't bear evil, has joy in the truth, beareth, believeth and continues to hope.

In writing to the Hebrew brethren, the Apostle Paul declares that our God is a consuming fire, admonishing them to hold fast, serve God with reverence (love) and godly fear, Heb. 12:28. "Let brotherly love continue." Heb. 13:1. This great preacher when nearing the end of his life on earth, proved his love for the ministry by saying in 2 Tim. 4:5-8, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that LOVE his appearing."

"I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love." Acts 2:41-47 records love at work. The Word is received, many are baptized and three thousand added to the church in one day. The apostles' doctrine brought fellowship. Continued prayer meetings were an active part of the church, fear came upon every soul, signs and wonders were done by the apostles, believers were together, had all things common (equal), and looking for the return of the Lord, sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all men as was needed. Every one was happy. They were visiting in the homes or from house to house with gladness and singleness of heart. Oh, that the Church could come before

God in that attitude again today. Then would the experience of the 47th verse be repeated, praising God and having favor with all the people, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Then could we say, "(Look on us) Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Acts 3:6. Then could we lift men up and see them healed, walking, leaping and praising God and too, they would enter with us into the church (temple). Then we might expect the threatenings of the mob that is against Christ and His people and with all confidence we could call upon our Father who would stretch forth His mighty arm, working wonders by the name of His Son Jesus Christ, Acts 7:31. Oh, how we would like to have heard that prayer of the apostles when the place was shaken where they were assembled together and the Holy Ghost came unto them again, increasing their boldness in the preaching of the Word.

Oh, for a love for souls that will let us preach the Word with a boldness that knows no fear of man, but acknowledges the love of God. Some no doubt will say, Well, I'm glad I haven't left my first love. Please allow me to ask you a few questions, beloved of the Lord. But first, let us acknowledge the writing of the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 13:8, "Charity never faileth." Is there manifestations of His presence thru the sure word of prophecy? Is there still the speaking in tongues and the interpretation? Do we serve Him according to knowledge? Charity never faileth, but if we lose it, we lose all. "Prophecy, tongues and knowledge shall cease and vanish away." How did we lose it? you ask. By neglecting to maintain fellowship and communion with God by reading the Word of God and praying, and sometimes by spiritual pride, forgetting our unworthiness. Still, at the time of our conversion we were unworthy. "Pride cometh before a fall." Perhaps some one who is more highly educated than another will rise to a position above his fellows because of his education. Education may fail but love never faileth. Sometimes youth will push old age aside, step in and try to usurp its place. Youth and old age will sometimes fail but charity (love) never faileth.

Sometimes we see churches where 1 Cor. 13:8 was in full force. The overseer sent them a preacher, perhaps not a very learned one, but one that loved God. He visited, prayed, preached and cried until the church again came together. The Lord blessed, saved, and added many precious souls to the church and oh, such love, such shouting and dancing in the Spirit. They loved the Lord and the Church and their pastor, but after a few months of almost a continuous revival wave in the community, the church settled down to steady going. there was still plenty of fire in the

church to burn out the enemy. The influence of the church was spreading into other communities. People at distant places were hearing of God and becoming interested in the way. The pastor called the church to prayer, to send up their petitions for souls. He felt that with the cooperation of the church at this time God would grant a great ingathering of souls. The church wanted a young preacher for the revival. (This seems the natural thing.) So they called for one who demonstrates much. He made himself popular with the church by saying pretty little nothings to the members which made them take their eyes off of Jesus and look on the evangelist inasmuch that they forgot to persuade souls when the invitation was given them to seek the Lord. Sinners saw that the interest the saints once had in them was waning. They in turn began to lose interest and while the pastor pleaded for the cooperation of the saints, prayed for a revival, wet his pillow with tears shed for the welfare of the church, the enemy continued his work. The revival spirit passed and also the harvest. The meeting closed with very little success and much disappointment to every one. Now when we look back we discover the cause. At the beginning of the revival we lost our first love. Prophecies failed, tongues ceased and knowledge had vanished away.

Oh, let us remember that Jesus is still in the midst of the churches and He is holding the stars in His hand. Rev. 2 makes it plain that no church has a right to exist without love. So it (the church) should look to the One that holds the stars rather than to the stars. "For there are a few wandering ones." I believe the Holder of the stars to be greater than the stars that He holds. Also I believe the stars to be less than the candlestick. The holder is Jesus. Rev. 1:13. The stars are angels (ministers). Heb. 1:13, 14. Jesus said in Matt. 20:26, "But whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister." The candlesticks are the seven churches. Rev. 1:20. We notice there are seven. We are now living in the sixth, most every one agrees, I believe. This is the church in Philadelphia, the Philadelphian period or dispensation of the church. Philadelphia means brotherly love. The message to her is, "I know thy works." O glory, we see the repentant church doing the works, having the pentecostal experience which endows with power and love. The message is, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." The way is open and plain. The gospel story of love must go in this age. No man can shut it (stop the message). We have a little strength. We have kept His Word and have not denied His name. Many are denying Him by denying His body, the Church of God. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (great tribulation)." "Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." May we never hear it said to us, Repent, lest I take away thy candlestick; neither the words, I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love.

The Man Who Wrestled with God

By J. R. DAVIS

Text: Gen. 32:24-28.

WHEN we first meet him Jacob is a very sorry candidate for sainthood. There was little to admire in his character. He was a crooked, scheming brother and a deceitful son. About the only commendable traits which appeared in his life were his patience and sense of value. This was where Esau was lacking. Unlike Jacob, he saw no worth in anything which he could not enjoy here and now. Birthright and promise were vague and belonged to the distant future, and for that reason could be sold cheaply. One pot of red pottage meant more to him than all the spiritual blessing God had promised. The fact that Esau did not value the birthright was one reason why God had to take Jacob, trickster though he was.

The flight to Haran and the wrath of Esau is a familiar story and space won't permit us to rehearse it here. On that journey God began to deal with Jacob. In that wonderful vision, lying there upon the earth, his head pillowed upon a stone, he had his first real conception of holy things. The vision, the voice, and the vow of Bethel made the high spots of his life. He heard that night for the first time the voice which had guided Abraham. The vow which he made the next morning was his heart's first response to the call of God. Jacob went on his journey but he never entirely forgot Bethel. (Precious memories, how they linger, when we gave our hearts to God and made vows to Him.) Were the record complete the story would be too long to tell, and how the vision of that night lost its power in Jacob's life. More than twenty years after, when he set out on his journey to Canaan, Jacob was well pleased. He had outraded his father-in-law Laban and was rich. The man who went over Jordan with but a staff in his hand was now a wealthy man and yet he was a poor backslider. When news came of Esau and four hundred men Jacob was awakened to his need of God. He tried again to play upon his brother's weakness by sending gifts and he probably felt that in a measure he was atoning for his friend, yet he knew that things were not right between him and God. I can imagine that as Jacob was nearing Jabbok his soul was stirred by memories of home and of his sins and of the vision of the ladder and of the angels. Jacob was afraid all his wealth was about to be swept away. His family and his life were in danger. No man ever had more to do in so short a time than Jacob had that night.

Jacob found that before he could find favor and help from God there was an old account that had to be settled. All his scheming, all his dishonesty, all his broken vows came to his memory. We do not know all that took place that night but this we know, the experience was one of reality to Jacob. God was there.

Jacob was there. Jacob wanted to be the same old Jacob and yet return to Canaan. God could not let him enter Canaan and inherit the promises in that way. All his sins must be cast out. He must learn that no man can prevail with God in his own strength, or least of all, by his sins. I imagine I can hear Jacob crying, "O God, deliver me," and the voice of God answering, "What about the fraud practiced on your brother? How can I trust you, the man who broke the vows at Bethel?" Methinks I hear Jacob saying, "I have divided with my brother," and the voice of God answering, "What about your crooked ways?"

Jacob was afraid of Esau and more afraid of God. God was not against Jacob, but for him, yet He could do nothing for him until he surrendered everything. Probably Jacob did not mean to wrestle all night but he must settle the old account. Jacob knew what God wanted but he had always won out. He thought probably he could get by without paying the full price. Jacob prayed and prayed again but to no avail. Here is the picture of a man, who has always won by his strong brain, trying to win the favors of God in the same way. Few men have been so determined as Jacob who spent all night at hand-grip with God. Jacob did not yield until the Divine Adversary lamed him and the hollow of his thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with Him. The Divine Adversary showed him He could strip him of his strength in a moment. At last God made him to limp that he might be able to walk with him on the highway of holiness. Jacob's heart and flesh cried out for God. All his pride and self-confidence was gone. He was humbled in the dust but he held on. "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." When the angel saw he was determined, he asked his name and Jacob confessed and said, "My name is Jacob," meaning "trickster." The angel said, "Thy name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for as a prince hast thou power with God and with man, and hast prevailed." God had won by humbling the man to the place where he could bless him and use him. Jacob had won by repentance and surrender and he was never again the old Jacob. No man is ever the same who comes face to face with God and wins by being conquered.

What a night! What a wrestle! He was a different man when he came limping into camp the next morning. He had put everything away in which he trusted the evening before. He had the mark of conflicts upon his body, and the peace and power of God flooding his soul. Oh, that we too would wrestle all night, as it were, in prayer to God! We too would have peace like a river flooding our souls and could go forth to battles and conflicts and come out waving palms of victory. There was not the least fear of pain in this story. We have the picture of a man who had neglected God and his

duty and suddenly came face to face with a great conflict, when he needed more than human help and wealth. Oh, that we would live all the while in the spirit of the vision of the cross and the vows we made to God when He so wonderfully filled us with the Holy Ghost and fire! Think of the heartaches it would save and think of the many lost battles that could have been won if we had kept that vision of Him before us. When one lives as Jacob lived, they will have to find that experience of self-surrender before God will hear. Jacob came down from Peniel stripped of all the things that had been his pride but endued with power that comes when we yield our all to God.

HAVE TAKEN ON NEW ZEAL

A revival of four weeks duration has proven a great blessing to the Church of God at Rome, Ga. Brother F. A. Hubbell was in charge of the revival. Regardless of the inclement weather we listened in wonder at the most wonderful Word of God given to us from the rugged cross of Calvary and great prophecies of today as Brother Hubbell delivered each message straight from the shoulder under the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost. We were made to realize we are living on borrowed time and we have taken on new zeal and a greater determination than ever before to run this race with patience that is placed before us, and pray, Oh Lord, Thy will be done. We had dancing, talking in tongues, messages and interpretations direct from the glory world. Hallelujah! It was most wonderful. Three elderly souls were baptized with the good Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with tongues.

We regret much that our brother could not stay with us at least another month. We wish to say any Church of God that is in need of a revival will be wise in securing Brother and Sister Hubbell. We wish them Godspeed as they travel on and trust to see them again in the near future at the north Rome Church of God. —A sister under the blood, Mrs. Ira Grinnell, clerk, 309 Parkins St., Rome, Ga.

REPORTS A GOOD REVIVAL

LOCUST GROVE, Okla.—I want to report the good meeting which we had. Brother Larkin Stamper came up to our schoolhouse at Cave Springs in January and preached four weeks. God was with us from the beginning to the end. Twenty-one were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank God, my husband got saved. God wonderfully used Brother Stamper in giving out the Word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Brother Stamper is a man of God. Any one needing a revival will do well to get him.

On account of bad weather we couldn't have the baptizing but we are looking for him back soon to preach and have a baptizing so all who read this pray that we will get a Church of God here. Please pray that God will save more souls here. Oh, how I love the Lord! —A member of the Church of God at Murphy, Okla.—Mrs. M. B. Moore.

A Dream of Christ's Coming

A DREAM which I had on the night of September 16, 1932. I dreamed that husband, baby, brother, two other friends, and I started on a journey in an old wagon some place to worship the Lord. We were dressed very ragged but yet we wanted to worship God.

As we drove along the way seemed rough and things were going wrong, but we held on to God. After a time we came to a little church house. There we entered in. It looked ragged and rough as if it was almost torn down. We began to gather up the song books to sing and pray. Several were there. In came some folks who began to laugh, talk and make fun and to disturb. I spoke to them, telling them about Jesus, that He was soon coming according to the fulfilling of the Bible, but they would laugh and slur me. I told them that God would laugh at their calamities some day.

The wind began to blow and the buildings began to shake as if they were going to fall. We left the house and walked into a deep gully near the house for protection from the wind. We sat there a little while and the wind blew harder and harder. My husband said, "Let us go over here to Mr. Price's house until tomorrow. Then we will go to Uncle Walter's." We walked along as the wind was howling and looked to God for protection. We walked into the home and such a sight as we saw. We saw water works and the water was flowing out of the great iron pipes. We wanted water but refused to drink of the water because it changed its colors. But oh, such a sudden thought came to the people, that the world was coming to an end.

Everybody began to make preparation for Christ's coming, and oh, I lifted my hand up toward the sky and made a start toward the East to meet Jesus. Awful destruction began to happen. As I tossed through the air I came to great rivers of water but yet I would not drink. I thought of the scripture in Revelation 8:10,11, "And the third angel sounded and there fell a great star from heaven burning as it were a lamp and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountain of water and the name of the star is called wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters because they were made bitter." I couldn't see my way to go through. I kept praying and fasting, lifting up holy hands to the Lord. I would not look back and God would open up a little narrow path and I would go through, thank God!

As I kept tossing through the air, anxious to meet Jesus, the time grew worse and worse and oh! it seemed that I would have to give up and look back to see what had happened where I had gone over. Oh, the people were in a miserable condition. They couldn't be still. They were rushing to get everything done first like they wanted it before the Lord should come instead of getting their souls right

with God. The cities were in such a rage. It was awful to see such sight. And then I saw great multitudes of people standing waiting for Jesus and I saw great crowds of wild beast of all kinds gathering together. Oh, I said, "Lord, how will I ever make my way through?" And it came to my mind that, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way, and few there be that find it." Yet God would lead me through and I would rejoice in my heart because God would hear my voice.

Destruction grew worse and worse. The smoke began to rise up everywhere as spoken of in Rev. 9:2, "And he opened the bottomless pit and there arose a smoke out of the pit as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit." As the smoke ascended up everything grew darker and darker. The sun refused to shine and the moon failed to give light and I said, "Oh, Lord, how much longer will it be?" It seemed as if I had stood all the destruction I could but I was willing to bear everything that would come if I could only meet Jesus in the air and have His sweet shining face to look on and shun the awful place called hell. And oh, I heard a sweet voice speak to me and say, "Two more woes and it will be done." I said, "Lord, help me through."

Everything was so dark I couldn't see anything at all. But I kept tossing thru the air with outstretched hands and the stars began to fall and oh, it was awful to see the bright stars falling from heaven, twinkling and flashing as they came down to the earth, scorching and burning everything. It seemed as if I could feel the heat of the stars as they fell by me in the air, but I would not look down to the ground nor back behind me for fear the Lord would strike me down like He did Lot's wife, and then I would have to suffer the plagues like the wicked ones. I felt that if I looked back I would fail to meet Jesus. God's precious Word says, "He that looketh back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

After a while as I kept holding on to God I began to see a little light afar off in the East. Then I could see white clouds rising up in the East and Jesus' face appeared before my eyes. Oh, how my heart rejoiced because I had gone all the way through everything that had come up before me. But yet He was at a distance from me. I said, "Lord, I mean to go through whatever might come up before me." Then I awoke out of my sleep. This dream was so real to me. Oh, my heart was glad inasmuch that I awoke my husband and began to tell him about my dream. I said, "We must live true to the Lord for He is soon coming." Oh, I could feel the power of God as I told my dream. I thank God for the wonderful dream, glory to God! — Lillian Palmer, Guntown, Miss., Rt. 1.

Let Your Vote Tell

On which side are you, my brother, my sister?

'Tis your ballot that will tell
And count for you in Heaven
Or against you down in hell.

Are you on the side of morals and virtue,
Of temperance and the right?
Or are you for the traffic of booze,
Your fellow men to blight?

Are you on the side of Jesus our Savior
And love for fellow man?
Or helping him on to his ruin
By your aid to whiskey's clan?

Are you with the weak and helpless
mothers
Whom sorrow doth oppress?
Or do you by your ballot
Still sanction their distress?

Are you on the side of safety
For the mother, child and wife?
Or are you for the hellish drink
That causes want and strife?

Are you for the pure and moral
Who delight in doing good?
Or for whiskey, fight and riot;
For tears and sighs and blood?

Are you for the Church and Bible
And God's sweet, holy will?
Or are you for the wicked laws
That license men to fight and kill?

Can you vote the drunkard's ticket,
Then on bended knees at night
Ask God to bless your ballot
And to keep your vote in sight?

That in the awful judgment day,
When called before His throne
To receive His final sentence,
You may reap as you have sown.

On which side are you, my brother, my sister?

Will you pause a while and think
Before you slight your God and mercy
For the devil's fatal drink?

Whatever may be your answer,
Your vote will surely tell
And still count for you in Heaven
Or against you down in hell.

Yes, God will read your ballot,
Each fateful one that's cast,
And those who glorify Him not
Your soul will help to blast.

The above is my sentiment and from a man who was a victim of drink and tobacco in his youth and I will say to all who read this, It will sap your system and ruin your health. Pray for me that I will be holy sanctified and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Your brother in Christ, J. N. Statum, M.D., Calera, Ala.

NOTICES

I would like to hear from the following members of this church: Sallie Rhodes, Sallie Beason, Mae Fortner, Laura Phillips, Minnie Dailey, and Auston Daily.—Zona E. Jones, clerk of Fosters Chapel, Rt. 5, Oneonta, Ala.

To whom it may concern: Any one desiring my help in a meeting, or wants a meeting held, please let me hear from you. I stand foursquare for the Church of God and her teachings, with S. W. Latimer, General Overseer. My present address is S. S. Monroe, Rt. 1, Box 189, Shaw, Miss.

We are to start a revival here April 30 with Brother Orion Alewine and wife and Brother Henson in charge. We are to begin in the church and if it becomes necessary later we may move to the tent if the weather permits. On Sunday, May 14, we are to have home coming and a basket dinner with Brother H. L. Whittington in charge. We are expecting several good speakers on that day—Brothers Tharp, Whittington, Childers, and others, as opportunity affords, also a string band with good music and singing. Our souls will be made to rejoice, I am sure. Solos, duets, quartets, and congregational singing will be the feature of the music. We are expecting saints from churches over one hundred miles away to be here for that feast, so why not you be in that number too? Come and bring a well filled basket, all who can.—Your brother and coworker in the gospel work, Geo. W. Cooper, Anderson, S. C.

I wish to correspond with some sincere sister in the state of Georgia or anywhere. Pray for me and my son. I want to get in the services as soon as possible. Some one near write me.—Nettie Brush, Rt. 2, in care of L. C. Mills, Laroche Ave., Savannah, Ga.

The Jasper district convention will convene at Jasper, Fla., May 5-7. All ministers, Sunday School superintendents, teachers, deacons and laity are especially requested to be there. Brother E. W. Williams, State Overseer, in charge. Sunday there will be dinner on the ground. Every one come and bring a well filled basket and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.—Floyd O'Bannon, District Overseer.

The Church of God at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. will have home coming day the 1st Sunday in May, May 7. All members of church are urged to be present if possible, and if you cannot be here, please send in your testimony to be read on that date. Neighboring churches are invited to be with us. Come prepared to stay all day as this will be an all day feast. —John E. Connatser, pastor.

This is to certify that Brother E. L. Terry is no longer a minister in the Church of God, his papers being revoked

by the proper authorities of the state of Texas and charges being preferred against him, sent to Carlsbad, N. Mex. and attended to in conference this 15th day of April, 1933. He is no longer a member of the aforesaid Church.—Yours truly, M. E. Drake, overseer, N. Mex. and Colo.

The Indiana state convention of the Church of God will convene at Shelburn, Ind., May 12-14. We expect a delegation from all the churches in the state, and insist that all the ministers be present. We invite all who can come from other states. Brother S. W. Latimer, our General Overseer, will be here with a message that will be a blessing to all who hear him.—C. H. Standifer, state overseer.

To the churches in the Dora district: The Sunday School and C. of G. Y. P. E. district convention will convene at Empire, Ala., May 21, 1933. We are expecting a wonderful time. Come and be with us. Let's put the work over for the Lord in Alabama.—State Sunday School Supt. of Alabama, John D. Raynor.

There will be home coming at Alton Church of God, Mayo, Fla., the fifth Sunday in April. Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy a feast from heaven with us. We are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be the most prominent guest.—Your sister, Mrs. Marshall Osteon, Mayo, Fla.

If any one knows the correct address of Brother Aurelio Tioaquen, will you please communicate with me, as I am holding mail here for him at the address below.—Faithfully yours, T. P. Douglas, 1106 Olivia St., Key West, Fla.

If it is the Lord's will I will be in evangelistic work the remainder of the year. I don't shun hard places. If you want my service, write me.—S. J. Mullins, Arjay, Ky.

I am still in meeting at the camp ground, Westville, Fla. where help is much needed. I would be glad anybody

passing thru would stop by and help us out, one who stands for the Church and the true Word of God. I will begin a meeting at Graceville, Fla., May 6, at Sister and Brother B. B. Atkinson's. Would be glad to have some help from one who stands foursquare for the Church of God. If you feel led, come and help us.—W. T. Martin, Westville, Fla.

The Chattanooga district convention will meet at North Chattanooga, Tenn. Friday night, April 28, and continue thru Sunday, the 30th. We are expecting a large delegation from each church in the district. These are Soddy, Daisy, Dividing Ridge, North and East Chattanooga, Tenn.—E. M. Ellis, District Overseer.

If any one knows the address of Sister Dixie Greenwood, please let me know.—Dorcas Sigman, Valdese, N. C.

To the church in Virginia: I think it would be good for each church in this state to make up a box of groceries such as meat, flour, etc., and send to Laud L. Vaught, Box 31, Oakvale, W. Va. He is our State Overseer and we need to stand by him with our means. He has a traveling expense and is not getting much money to go on. Some who are able try to send his good wife some money to get her and the children some clothes. Brother Vaught has done a good work in Virginia so come on, Church of God in Virginia, and let's see what we can do for him.—Your brother in Christ, John H. McCraw, District Overseer, Chillhowie, Va.

The Church of God at Wilsondale, W. Va. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Bettie Clark, Lizzie Clark, and Jimmeson Clark. If not heard from before next conference their names will be dropped from the roll.—Enid Wright, clerk; William E. Brewer, pastor, Wilsondale, W. Va.

We have started a new mission in South Memphis. We expect many souls to be won for the Lord. Please pray for the meeting. The other church in Memphis is going fine. Don't forget to pray for us. (Continued on page 28)

ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene at Eldorado, Ill., May 18-21. Everybody Invited.
M. P. CROSS, State Overseer

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION


Will Convene at Erwin, N. C., May 4-7.
JOHN L. STEPHENS, State Overseer.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

Will convene at Shelburn, Ind., May 12-14. General Overseer will be present. C. H. STANDIFER, State Overseer.

28th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH OF GOD

Will Convene Oct. 7-13, 1933, Cleveland, Tennessee
S. W. LATIMER, Moderator.



THE CHURCH OF GOD

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR

Alda B. Harrison, Editor

LIKE SANDS OF THE HOURGLASS, TIME
 FLOWS ON TOWARD ETERNITY,
 UNCHECKED.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS DEVOTED TO THE GENERAL
 WELFARE AND SPIRITUAL UPLIFT OF OUR YOUNG
 PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR,
 IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH"
 ECCLESIASTES 12:1

The Editor's Message

Dear girls and boys:

Here it is Mother's Day again. How time does fly! I recently read an article in a religious paper opposing the celebration of Mother's Day. I can not imagine such a thing. Can you? In discussing this question the writer decided that it was not the best thing to put mother on a pedestal. I am a great believer in giving the flowers now. Your parents need all the praise and encouragement they can get. I wonder how many of you agree with me. If I had you all in a big congregation and should ask that question I imagine there would be a great sea of hands raised in approval of handing them a bouquet now.

Let us see just what kind of a bouquet do you think they would appreciate most on this Mother's Day. I guess you are all thinking of mother's favorite flower just now, and if I had you before me in that great assembly I might ask you that question and let you tell me the flower your mother likes best. Some would say roses, some pansies, some might want to send an Easter lily. Oh, what a great list of flowers we might hear mentioned and they are beautiful, but I'm going to mention the kind of bouquets I believe they would appreciate most of all. Let us mix the flowers in this bouquet. Here they are: love, appreciation, obedience, clean manhood and womanhood, ambition and determination to do things worth while and, last but not least, entire consecration to the service of the Master. Perhaps you might think of many other beautiful flowers. Try this and see if it makes mother and father happy this Mother's Day.

BABY SHOES

Two worn little shoes with a hole in the toe
 And why have I saved them? Well, all mothers know.
 There's nothing so sweet as a baby's worn shoe,
 And a patter of little steps following you.

The feet they once held have grown slender and strong,
 Tonight they'll be tired after dancing so long;

I guided her feet when she wore such as these,
 Dear God, may I ask, won't you guide them now please?

This little poem was sent to me a few days ago from my daughter who is in college. Not long ago I woke up in the night very sick. I began to think my time had come to go. As all mothers would do,

THE WATCHER - MOTHER

She always leaned to watch for us,
 Anxious if we were late,
 In winter by the window,
 In summer by the gate.

And though we mocked her tenderly,
 Who had such foolish care,
 The long way home would seem more safe
 Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us—
 She never could forget!
 And so I think there where she is
 She must be watching yet,

Waiting till we come home to her,
 Anxious if we are late—
 Watching from heaven's window,
 Leaning from heaven's gate.

I first thought of my children and wished they were by my side. Then the thought came to me, "Well, if they were here it would just mean a sad farewell." I began to think about what I would want to tell them. I could not think of anything that I had not told them before. I could not think of any advice or admonition that was worth while that I had not given them during their childhood days so I felt that everything was pretty well fixed up and I did not send for them. I wrote my daughter about my experience and in a few days she sent me this poem. The thought she wished to convey to me was that since I had guided her feet in infancy that I must trust God to guide them now. Such a

beautiful thought. Will you let this little poem sink into your heart and allow him to guide not only your feet, but your hands, your eyes, your ears, in fact your whole being into paths of righteousness for His name's sake?

Mother, I wear my first white flower for you;
 On other years 'twas red and I was glad,
 This year it blossomed white that hallowed day
 Heaven took you from us through the gates of pearl.
 Eternal joy is yours, and I,
 Regarding you, can still be glad.

I am sure some of you are for the first time wearing a white flower for mother. She has gone to take up her abode in that beautiful mansion Jesus has prepared for her. John 14:1-3.

The white carnation is an emblem of the beautiful white robe your mother is wearing now, the one made white thru the blood of the Lamb.

It has become the custom to make mother a present on Mother's Day. If she has recently gone away and you are grieved because you are not able to do something for her, let me tell you what to do. If you have not given your life to Jesus Christ, just accept Him today, or if you are just following Him afar off, make a full and complete consecration with a determination to finish the good work mother has already begun. The Bible tells us there is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth. If our loved ones can know what is transpiring here, do you not think this would be a happy Mother's Day for your mother over there? Many prayers have gone up from her heart for you. Wouldn't this be a good time for you to allow God to answer them?

HOME

There is no spot in all the world,
 Where'er it be, on land or sea,
 On verdant plain or mountain peak,
 Tho' through the whole wide world I seek—

There is no spot so dear to me

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Mother At The Gate

Oh, there's many a lovely picture hung
On memory's chequered wall,
There is many a cherished image
That I tenderly recall.
The sweet home of my childhood,
With its brooks and singing birds,
The friends who grew beside me
With their loving looks and words,
The flowers that decked the wildwood,
The roses fresh and sweet,
The violets and hyacinths that blossomed
at my feet.
All, all are precious memories that often
come to me
Like the fragrance of another land
Beyond life's troubled sea.
But the sweetest, dearest picture
That my fancy can create
Is the image of my mother,
My Mother at the gate.

It is there I see her standing,
Her face so pure and fair,
With the parting rays of sunlight
On her eyes and silvered hair.
I can feel the soft warm hands that clasp-
ed
With tenderness my own.
I can see the look of precious love

That in her soft eyes shown.
I can hear her parting blessing
Through the lapse of weary years,
I can see through all my sorrow
Her own sweet silent tears,
And amid the darkest trials
That were mingled with my fate
I have turned to that blessed image—
My Mother at the gate.

But she has crossed the river,
She is with the angels now,
She has laid aside earth's crosses
And the crown is on her brow.
She is clothed in robes of righteousness
And walks the streets of gold,
An aged saint forever
Within the Savior's fold.
No parting words can reach thee there,
No grief is thine today.
Thy mourning into joy is turned,
Thy tears are wiped away.
Thou art waiting for me in that home
Where the blessed angels wait.
I'll see thee and I'll know thee there,
My Mother at the gate.

—By Matilda Smiley Edwards, some forty years ago.

Mother Never Fails

By MARGARET B. FESLER

MOTHER bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things for her children. How very appropriately the word mother may be substituted for the word love. Mother is the personification of love, for in mother we see love in action. "No language can express the power, the beauty, the heroism and the majesty of a mother's love." All who have known a mother's love have a rich heritage which can not be measured, and those who have been deprived of such love through some misfortune have missed one of earth's greatest and most precious blessings.

The child, whose parents have not an abundance of material wealth, has more opportunity for real happiness than others. He has the blessing of a mother's careful oversight. The personal and daily contact between mother and child guides and shapes the child's life as nothing else can.

Constant association with a Christian mother will imprint ideals of right living in a child's heart so deeply and firmly that they can never be erased. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Mother may teach precept upon precept, line upon line. Then if in her own life and actions the child sees these teachings exemplified, she will have accomplished her purpose. For while it is certainly true that actions speak louder than words, it is also true that words may be reinforced by actions.

Mother does not fail when she seeks to govern her children by love rather than by the seemingly easier, shorter way of, "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not." The sympathetic and understanding mother helps her child to see the situation from all angles. Then she allows him to make the decision for right guided by her own experience and her better, wiser judgment.

With a mother's help children may be taught to weigh facts and make right decisions. Then when they arrive at the age when they are free to make their own choice they need not be at sea, but will have a solid foundation upon which to base their decisions.

Children who obey because of love rather than compulsion, seldom depart from that way when older, but will rather strive always to do what they believe will bring joy and happiness to mother; they will avoid doing those things which may cause her sorrow.

A mother was once asked by a friend: "What will you do, when your daughters are grown to young womanhood should they choose to do a certain thing of which you disapprove?"

To which this mother replied: "I shall try to so teach and train my daughters before that time in the making of their choices that they will then of their own volition choose to do the thing that will be in harmony with my wishes. Not simply because it is my wish that they so choose, but because it seems to them the

best."

Mother does not fail to be concerned in all things that have to do with her children. In spirit she meets all of life's situations which they are called upon to meet. She is interested always in their welfare: physical, mental, moral, and spiritual. Her desires are to provide adequately for their fourfold development that they may grow up into well proportioned men and women of worth.

Mother is desirous that her children shall have in life those things which she so longed for and missed. It is her ambition to see those desires materialize in her children. To this end she works and sacrifices.

Mother helps her children to do right and to do their best by always expecting the right and the best of them. This attitude of mind on her part fosters courage and determination to do well. Words of praise, confidence and approbation bring their own reward.

Mother makes home a happy place. A good home does not depend upon size, wealth of furnishings, beauty or luxury, but much upon mother. Her love and concern softens hard situations, her presence intensifies happy circumstances. Every pleasure is sweeter, and hardships are not quite so hard when shared with mother. "Her love sweetens home as salt sweetens the spring of bitter waters."

There is a saying—"God could not be everywhere, therefore he made mothers." Mother is not a substitute for God but rather a worker together with God. Hers is a life of service for others. She is so true and faithful to us, may we ever be thoughtful and considerate of her.

"A man never sees all that his mother has been to him until it's too late to let her know that he sees it."

This is unfortunate yet true; we are not able to realize the preciousness of a gift until deprived of it.

"The tender word unspoken,
The letters never sent,
The long forgotten message,
The wealth of love unspent;
For these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait;
Show them that you love them
Before it is too late."

Memories

Mrs. E. G. MARSH

OF all the pictures hung on memory's walls none is more cherished by loyal sons and daughters than the picture of the childhood home and Mother. In every life the scene is different, but how refreshing to recall the pleasant events of home life—the days of busy labor, the evenings around the fireside, the holidays, the Sabbath days of quiet and worship, the association with loved ones. Dreamlike the echoes of Mother's voice seem to waft across the years as we think of the times we stood by the organ and sang the old hymns.

Of all the hymns and songs that ap-

peal to us, those that Mother used to sing seem to affect us most. They carry us back to days of yore. They bring to our mind many scenes and their memory clings with us through the busy hours of life. Mother's voice! It was full of music. About her work or as she sat mending or sewing, it softly sang some well-known hymn, and even now

"Through the halls of memory,
In happy notes they ring,
All the life-joys of the past
In the songs Mother used to sing."

Then there are other voices which we seem to hear—voices of loved ones—brother, sister, or aged grandparent— which linger as sweet music in our memory. There are scenes which will live with us until the years silver the hair, until the form is bent and until at last we must yield to the embrace of death. Why is it that the scenes of childhood never fade? It seems that we remember them better than some that have transpired in more recent years.

Another picture that memory brings to mind is that of the family altar, when Father and Mother knelt with the children and mingled voices were heard in the evening prayer, before the lights were turned off and we drifted off to dream-land. The reading of the Bible, the evening hymn, the morning and evening prayers stand out in our memory as things that were essential to every happy day. Oftentimes the little folks were put to bed early and knelt at Mother's knee to say their "Now I lay me down to sleep." It was a vision of this that John G. Whittier had, the same vision that comes to us all at times, when he wrote:

"A picture memory brings to me:
I look across the years and see
Myself beside my Mother's knee."

Perhaps the greatest power in development of good characters has been the influence of praying mothers. We are impressed with this fact as we read of the mothers of Bible characters—Hannah, Ruth, Eunice, and others. It is said that Monica, the mother of Augustine, prayed and the influence of her praying changed his wicked life and he became a world-wide influence for good. Augustine declared, "O my God, if I am Thy child, it is because Thou gavest me such a mother!" Many other great and good men have added their testimonies to this, declaring their faith in and love for their mothers. When Bishop Simpson went to his mother with the story of his conviction that he must preach, her answer was a burst of praise as she said, "It is what I have been longing and waiting for these many years; for I gave you to God when you were born."

Gypsy Smith, the world-famous evangelist, adds his testimony. He feels that he owes everything to the mother who, when dying, asked him to be a good boy. The memory of her words and of the way she sang when she was near death, "I have a Savior in the promised land," gave him no peace, until he was himself a follower of the King.

It was the prayers of John Newton's mother that awakened her profligate son, and caused him to turn from his bad companions and seek the Lord. Later he became a preacher of the Gospel.

George Washington's mother, so it is said, went to a secluded place among the rocks and trees near her home to pray. She committed him with his great responsibilities to God. No doubt it was the influence of her prayers that gave him a faith in God, and led him to pray for his success in the work of ruling the nation. A noted statesman, John Randolph, said, "I would have been an athe-

ist had it not been for the memory of Mother taking my hand in hers and having me repeat, 'Our Father which art in heaven.'" Instances could be multiplied where good people have been helped to God and encouraged by the prayers of their mothers.

The years have gone since many of us have knelt at Mother's knee, but let us not forget her example and take our burdens to the Lord and pray as Mother did in days of yore. Let us remember her and cherish her, if she still lives, and follow her godly example.

Helps For Tempted & Tried

COMPENSATION

For everything that happens wrong

A dozen things go right.

For every tear a flood of song

Rings out across the night.

For every dark and stormy day

A week of days are fair.

However chill the clouds and gray,

'Tis always bright somewhere.

For every heart of bitterness

A host of hearts are light.

For every hour of deep distress

A whole long day is bright.

For every faithless friend we find

That many friends are true.

So, after all, God's mighty kind

To such as me and you.

—Clarence E. Flynn.

I See Jesus

I AM sure the providences of God are the inheritance of His children. If we believe the Word of God, the future, with all it brings to us, will be covered each step of the way by the promises of God. Did you ever go to God in prayer and have the Holy Spirit give you a promise just made for you? One that just suited your need at that special time? This is in accord with His Word.

"Howbeit, when He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth";—for he shall receive of me and shall show it unto you.

Then again: "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" All Things. Do you get that? You do not have a need that this promise does not cover. I believe the Word of God fills eternity. Believe it. Lean upon it. When the enemy comes in like a flood, use the Word. Jesus did, and He is our example.

Yoke up with the King. Get filled with the Word and you will be more than conqueror through Him that loved you and commended His love to you on Calvary. He knows your needs. He knows the

rough places. He knows the strength of your enemies. He has conquered your foes and you are fighting a defeated devil. The sentence of death is upon him. Jesus will make the journey with you. He said "I am with you always." He that is for you is more than all that can be against you. Move on; step out boldly, though it be as dark as night. Press on! The path will be open, the sea will divide and, if necessary, you will find even the pillar of cloud and fire to make this your journey. There will be friends, food and clothing at every stage of the way. What a blessed thought that we never get to the end of Him. We go on, and on, to know the Lord. From faith to faith, from glory to glory.

"Haste then on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Haven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide them there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days: Hope soon change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise."

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out. Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is worried? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that hath no might He increaseth strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

Oh, hallelujah! Dear tempest-tossed, sin-cursed afflicted, look up to Jesus Christ "the same yesterday, today and forever." Trust Him; believe Him, rely upon Him, depend on His empowering, His guidance, depend upon Him for victory, depend upon Him to work His will in and through you, depend in simple faith on Him for the answer to prayer

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Father's & Mother's Page

Is Mother to Blame?

MAKING HOME A HALLOWED SPOT

A NOTED minister some time ago preached a sermon on the passing of the old-fashioned home, taking for his text the words, "Go home." "To make a good home," he said, "you must be there. A good home is not given by God, it is made by you. He will help you, but He won't excuse you; and to make it you must plan for it. That means that we shall have to take the trouble, but we are put into this world to take trouble, and there is no trouble we can take which will pay more liberal dividends."

Whatever the rest of the world may do, it is your duty and mine to make our firesides hallowed spots, radiant with sweet memories. We can do it, and we must, if we would be true to those whom God has given us to love.

With the morning, comes the signal for dispersion; but when the evening hour has called us back, when the lights are on and we and ours, with the troubled and darkened world outside, are shut in together then is our supreme chance to make impressions of the sweetness and simplicity and sanctity of the home, which time can never erase.

PARENTAL LAXITY

Too much has been written about the shortcomings of the "younger generation," and too little about the fundamental causes. Educational and religious heads have conducted one campaign after another for the upholding of higher standards. Legislatures and the National Government have enacted laws to regulate the public morals and safeguard the future standard of citizenship. But the beginning has been made at the wrong end. Social workers tell us that what is needed is a campaign among mothers. They believe that present conditions are the result of unadjustment in the homes; that parental laxity is the root of the whole evil, and that mothers especially are now so obsessed with outside excitements that they are leaving their children to commercial exploitation.

Mary Roberts Rinehart, a well-known writer, says: "Back of this laxity of standards among the young people, lies the death of the home spirit among parents, and too frequently among women. We have too many wives and mothers who only board at home today. What we need is intensive home cultivation. Sometimes I think we exhausted our small stock of spirituality and idealism in the years of the war. We are becoming a grossly material people."

COMMERCIALIZING YOUTH

In addition to this relaxation of the old moral creeds, we find that a commercial value on youth is being realized. We are selling our young people to the makers of exotic and extravagant clothes; to the bootlegger; to the road-house proprietors and to the jazz musicians, and they resell them at great profit. I do not blame youth. The plain truth is that we have allowed outsiders to usurp the functions of the home.

There are too many mothers running about, attending club meetings when they ought to be at home, looking after their children. Too many mothers doing social agency work—busy in saving other folks' children, and neglecting their own.

AN OPINION

Miss Alice Robertson, who was the sole woman representative in Congress for some time, likewise has strong convictions that mothers' influence at home is not what it ought to be. In her courageous way, she challenges the mothers to change their ways if they wish to save the home from bitter criticism and their daughters from worse.

"A girl is like a flower," she said, when asked for an opinion on the subject; "give her sunshine and loving care and she will bloom into beautiful womanhood; neglect her and she will grow wild like a weed and be common. It is silly and useless to criticize a young girl for what she does and the way she does it. She will not be a bit more extreme than the mother allows; so why should we not go back and place the blame in its proper place, on the mother who permits her daughter to do such things, to go here, there and everywhere unchaperoned."

"A lot of mothers are too easily won by their daughters. If they hear that Alice Brown's mother lets her do so and so, they think it must be all right, or Mrs. Brown would not have approved of it. Young people are allowed too much freedom, and mothers know too little about the company they keep. Many mothers do not realize that young girls away from home, at school or college, are more carefully guarded than they are at home. If a girl is invited to lunch with another person, from one of the eastern schools, the friend is not only required to write a formal request for her company, but that young girl is chaperoned from the moment she leaves school until she returns."

People who know anything at all about the Oklahoma Congresswoman, know about "Suzanne," the Indian girl who was adopted at the age of six by Miss Robertson and reared and educated by her. Miss Robertson says, "When Suzanne was growing up, I wanted her to have as much of the pleasure that I had been deprived of as possible, and she did; but I never allowed her to go riding in the moonlight or anywhere else, unchaperoned; yet she had as many, if not more, male friends than any of the other girls, and married a splendid man." All four of Suzanne's children call Miss Alice "Granny," thirteen adopted children call her "Grandmother," and thousands of young married couples, to say nothing of soldier boys scattered over the country, who benefited by her bounty and mother love, call her a more precious name still.

Miss Robertson takes the position that "Girls have been the same ever since the world began; it's the mothers who have changed. Every chance I get, I give them some old-fashioned advice. I tell them that they have the greatest and nicest and best in life if they only knew it. I had rather be the mother of a big family, than be president. The love that prompts a mother in her work, should make the most menial task beautiful. I say to mothers that if they played less bridge and took more interest in community work and Parent-Teachers' Associations, we wouldn't be hearing so much about the laxity of standards among the young people."

ARE MEN LOOKING DOWN ON WOMEN

Facing facts, one is compelled to admit that with the reserve that has gone out of the personality of our young women, has gone nobility out of the attitude of our young men toward them. If men are not looking down on women, at least they are not looking up to them as they used to do. The grandmothers of days gone by, did not need to make themselves shockingly attractive in order to catch the eye of the male, or to keep him from running off with the other girl; nor were they ever informed by their mothers that they would rather see them "popular than pious." Too many of the modern-day mothers think that their mothers and grandmothers are old fogies, who must not be allowed to interfere with the daughters' good times. They not only permit their daughters to indulge in social habits which are destroying the future of the home, but they talk about it with a show of pride.

THE BIGGEST THING

In this age of independence, when women have equal opportunities with men to engage in business and professions, and are proving successful in their new field of endeavor, the stay-at-home, comparing her lot with others, is apt to feel that she is wasting time on her ceaseless round of domestic duties, and that she is not getting the best out of life. She is inclined to envy the woman who has written a good book, has painted a

masterpiece, or become famous as a lawyer or legislator. But she should not think that any pleasure or satisfaction derived from these outside matters, is comparable to the pleasure and satisfaction in later life which a mother will get from her children, who have been carefully trained in the fundamentals of right living.

Despite the endless responsibility and worry attached, the biggest thing a man and woman can do, is to train to good, useful citizenship, a family of children. They should be brought up with some sense of responsibility to the future; they should be taught early how to do things. Otherwise, they will grow up, looking upon life as a long holiday. Both boys and girls should learn something useful by which they may earn a living if necessary.

PARENTAL INDULGENCE AND DELINQUENCY

"Many a young girl is started on the wrong path," said a noted woman federal judge who was formerly a juvenile judge, "by the false ideals instilled in her as a child at home. After reading the records of some delinquent girls, many of them from comfortable homes, and seeing the lack of training and protection they have had, it is no wonder that they take the only course they know. The girl who is growing up is readily influenced, and an easy prey for unprincipled people. The responsibility for her welfare rests largely upon her mother; lacking the proper care and amusement at home, her wants and needs are left to commercial exploitation.

"Girls who make serious mistakes and get into trouble, are the result of vain mothers, who have brought them up to believe that the chief end of life is to be attractive to men; to be popular, to be desired. From the time they are babies, they are urged to make the most of their physical charms."

THE PRICE THEY PAY

No greater profession than that of wife and mother exists, and while in a certain sense it is a laudable ambition for mothers to want their daughters to marry, they should pay more attention to the quality of the men with whom they become acquainted, rather than the quantity. This is certainly true of the young girls who, lacking amusement at home, go out into the public dance halls and other places of amusement. Seeking popularity, they date up for joy rides and late suppers with men they know nothing about and whom their parents never saw. When the inevitable toll is exacted, they pay in the belief that this is one of the requirements of popularity! Not only have they been taught nothing of the danger that lurks in the making of promiscuous acquaintances, but nothing of the sacredness of the human body.

REFORMATION IN THE HOME

It is an age of unrest, carelessness, discontent and too much leisure, which has affected youth as seriously as it has everything else. What we need is reformation in the home—a return to the sweet, sane influence of the old-fashion-

ed home; and it depends largely upon mother. She should hold a tight reign on the young people. If they go out at night, it is mother's duty to know where and with whom they are going, and to sit up until the last one of the brood is in bed. If she is careless about this, then she has only herself to blame if the children grow up headstrong and insolent.

Some one has said that there is still obedience in the American home, but that is the obedience of parents to their children! If this be true, and we know it is, there is yet hope; because this condition can be remedied. The young people of today should not be condemned. What we need to do is to arouse the mothers to their responsibilities and to do away with all this talk about the double standard, and we will then be able to face these problems calmly and fairly.

The wife of one of the highest officials of the United States Government considers the "old-fashioned home training" for children so important that not even after her husband became governor of a great state and later became Vice-President of the United States, would she allow the home life of her boys to be interfered with, but had it arranged so that they could continue on in the little rented double house where their earliest impressionable years had been spent.

MOTHER'S PROBLEM

A sixteen-year-old daughter from a beautiful home of wealth was dressing to go out, one night, and when her mother asked her where she was going, her retort was, "Oh, mother, don't be so old-fashioned! Nobody tells her mother where she is going, these days." Imagine this! It is obvious where the fault lies. That child's defiance of authority dates back to the cradle. She is the result of no laxity of standards, but of laxity of discipline and training on her mother's part. Sometimes it seems that mothers have let their children get away from them because they have laid too much stress upon the opportunities outside of the home, and too little on the actual home environment; that is, in permitting the young people to take advantage of the modern methods at school and elsewhere, they have lost sight of the importance of keeping up with the modern trend at home.

"There's No Place Like Home" is the sweetest song ever sung,—but why do we rarely hear the younger generation singing it?

THEN AND NOW

The wife of a prominent Cabinet member was asked this question: "How do conditions differ now from what they were when you were a girl?" "So much," she admitted, "that it is hardly fair to make comparisons between the young people of my day and of today. To begin with, our requirements and enjoyments were simpler. Girls did nothing more strenuous than play croquet. When we went to parties, it was always in groups or with older people. In that day, the girl who defied the conventions was considered "not nice." Nowadays, entirely differ-

ent customs prevail, and freedom of association is permitted among the young people."

Some of them have abused their freedom, just as did the girl who was "not nice," when she broke over the traces in the past. In most cases, I think this is a result of wrong home influences. Girls either have too much pleasure and too little responsibility, or too much responsibility and too little pleasure. Some of them work so hard at the office and have so few pleasures at home, that they become reckless and go farther than they ordinarily would under normal conditions at home.

HOME ENVIRONMENT

The young girl of today does not take to housework like her mother or her grandmother, for the reason that its importance is not as big to her. This has been brought about by the new order of things. The economic pressure and the opportunities for women in the business and professional world, seem so much more worth while than homemaking. Higher education is no doubt wise for girls; they should prepare themselves for some specific work in life, whether there is need for it or not, as the time may come when it will stand them in good stead; but all colleges for women should have courses in Home Economics and Domestic Science, along with the Classics.

Never before have we needed as skillful homemakers as we need today. Is mother to blame? With so many outside attractions, if we want to keep our young people at home we must put up a stiff competition. There is no influence which can touch that of the home. If made sufficiently attractive, the young people will prefer staying at home rather than seeking all their pleasures outside.

WITH A WILL

You'll never know what you can do,
lad,

Till you tackle life with a will;
It isn't the way to get to the top,
To stand at the foot of the hill.

One thing you should always remember,

In the moment of need or strife,
Is that nothing is won by shirking
The tasks that are given by life.

There are battles won by steady brains;

There are battles won by a song;
And many a one, both fierce and wild,
Won by merely marching along.

But never a battle was won for keeps
By biting the man who was down,
By crowding, or pushing, or lying,
In the strife for a victor's crown.

So up and away to life's conflicts!
In the fray be valiant and strong;
Eyes steady—heart true—an honest
will—

A whistle—a prayer—a song.

—Selected.

The Inner Circle Page

MY DAILY NEED

By Breta Voorhees Frank

Lord, grant me strength today for all my duty,

Under temptation, keep me pure and sweet;

In provocation, meek and mild of spirit;
And quiet when the storms about me beat.

Give me a heart soft to another's weakness.

But stanch and strong to labor for Thy sake;

A temper tireless under irritation,
But one to fire with principle at stake.

Give me a touch that's tendered and made gentle

To soothe and ease the bruised and broken heart,

But one that is implacable in warning
Against the sins that of my own are part.

Oh, give Thyself! for that is all I'm wanting,

When Thou art near I'll know no other need!

Only through Thee may I attain to virtue,

So come and dwell in me today, I plead.

Small Decisions

IF we could see the end from the beginning, how often we would be more careful in deciding points, small and large, as we go through life, especially in our earlier years. It is the way we make these decisions that makes our character strong or weak, and also makes for satisfaction in after years or otherwise.

It is hard to explain just what I mean, and yet I see it plainly as I look at the contrast in two lives past middle age, the one always having caught a high standard in every detail, even as a child, while the other one, with similar desires, tells me that her life has failed in its purpose because in younger days she did not have that clear-cut decisiveness in her life. Often it was too much trouble to be very exact about things, and some apparently trifling point was decided in a careless manner, feeling that after all it did not amount to much, and one did not need to be so particular! In time carelessness had become a habit, and too late it was realized that life had failed to accomplish much because it had not been built on sound principles.

I do not refer to choices in so-called big things, such as choosing one's life-work, or deciding a marriage, although many times these questions demand much better thought and consideration than they get, but in the little things that make up our life every day, at home or wherever we may be. Life is made up of one decision after another; if you have not noticed it, think it out, and see how many times in a week you have to say "Yes" or "No," "Shall I or shall I not?" "Will it help or otherwise?" "Is it right or wrong?"—sometimes very small things, but all tending to make or destroy character.

Life is given us for a purpose, and we cannot fulfill that purpose if we are spineless, don't-matter individuals. If we want to leave the world better than we found it, the time to train ourselves is while we are still in our teens. And to have accomplished something, to have done something really worth while, is worth all the prayers, sacrifice and effort it needs to take ourselves in hand while young, so that the end shall bring blessing and gladness to ourselves and others as we look both backward and forward.—Selected.

My Garden

DURING the passing years I have been planting a garden. Storm and sunshine have gone into its making. The soft dews of unmerited mercies have kept the ground from drying up in the times when the sun of prosperity has shone. Then there have been the dark days when it seemed that my garden would be a complete failure. But in all kinds of weather this plot of ground has been bringing forth.

There have been many kinds of seeds planted in this garden. In many gardens all the seeds do not always come up, but in this garden of the mind, all that has been sown will surely come to some kind of fruitage. The seed thoughts which come to maturity bear different kinds of harvest, it just depends upon the seed. The infinite Teacher asked a very pertinent question when He asked if men gathered grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. If I have been planting thorns and briars in this wonderful garden, I do not need to expect roses and forget-me-nots.

This garden was given me to care for; to keep free from weeds, to clear the plot of rocks and stones of indifference, and to keep it well watered by the grace of God. But most of all, I have been charged with the kind of seeds I should plant.

The books I have read, the people I

have met, and my secret thoughts have been the seeds that went into the garden of my mind. If I have planted the seeds of selfish ambition or the determination to gain an end regardless of the cost, small wonder if the place has run to weeds. If I have planted seeds of usefulness and loving thoughtfulness for others, then there shall blossom some June-day the lovely rose of friendship, and the pure lily of God's blessing.

Let us be careful of the seeds we are sowing in this garden of ours. We can voice the wish of our own Household Poet:

"I'd like to leave but daffodils to mark my little way,
To leave but tulips, red and white, behind me as I stray;
I'd like to pass away from earth and feel I'd left behind
But roses and forget-me-nots for all who come to find.—War Cry.

TAKING FOLKS AT FACE VALUE

Do you suppose they really want to be taken at face value, these people you meet as you walk up the street? Briskly moving pedestrians upon business intent, and leisurely ones, pausing to study a show window, are they equally oblivious of the tell-tale faces they wear? Indeed, faces are just show windows of their owners' minds and hearts, and one can only note the goods upon display and accept each person at his own face value. If they expected the disclosure of character so readily discernible even to the casual observer, would they not be more careful about keeping only the most attractive goods in stock? For these inner gifts and graces,—yes, and disgraces too,—are sure to write themselves in bold letters across these windows, our faces.

How many hurried, worried faces one sees! Perhaps it is only a passing irritation, a fleeting fretfulness, crowding from the countenance happier moods, but in the mind of the observer this is the face value registered, an anxiety thrust upon an already over-burdened world. Suddenly tragedy looms in a face where evil is written and all may read there the exceeding sinfulness of sin. At the curb, sweeping up the clutter of the street, one of the "white wings" wears a sort of patient hopelessness, not quite despair. Most passersby see him not.

But on the face of the children there is eagerness, interest, joy! They are not afraid to have it known how thrillingly alive they are, and how interesting a place the world is.

Here and there are fine thoughtful faces, high thinking, indelibly written, inspiring others. Like a breath from a mountaintop are these.

Sometimes one sees a gleam of humor, and again a warm friendliness rejoicing the hearts of all that catch its glow. Then there are faces where happiness habitually dwells, or the loveliness of summer gardens; and faces of youth, so

sedate in young dignity behind a protective mask of reserve. And have you not seen hardness, discontent, bitterness?

Again there are faces where fulfillment is written in a fine capable maturity—here are poise and ability.

Upon the faces of those in the sunset years, are there the frailties of a lifetime,—or wisdom and peace,—which? Like a benediction that follows one for years is the glimpse of a face where sheer goodness dwells. Namby, pamby, some one jeers? No! the real goodness that is strength and beauty, and which makes you think you have seen "as it were the face of an angel."

Watch the drama of human life throbbing about you as you walk up the street. Casual meeting,—ships that pass,—yet the expression on these faces that we meet in the street lingers with us in memory.

And do not forget that every day, every hour of the day, you are writing some impression on your face, exhibiting in your show window. Would a glimpse from a chance mirror taking you unawares, please you with its picture? Is that face a dispenser of good will?

You have been depressed by some faces you see, others have given you new courage and abiding joy, what is your face giving in return? Do not let trivial and passing annoyances hide any splendor of the spirit you may have to give. If you would be interesting do not be afraid to look the interest you feel. The busy world, these hurrying people need the best you have to give. Can you make other faces brighten as you pass? Are you helping in this matter of face value? —Selected.

I SEE JESUS

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of any need you may have for spirit, soul or body, physical, financial, any need.

All is met in Christ Jesus. He has promised to do "exceedingly, abundantly, above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." He can take thieves, harlots, criminals and blasphemers, and wash them whiter than snow, and cause them to live for His praise and glory. I believe He takes special delight in showing His mercy to those whom people have given up as hopeless; just lift them up from the deepest depth of sin and degradation, and transform them into His likeness. Jesus is full of compassion, full of mercy. If this were said of man it would not mean much; but what does it mean when said of Jesus, the Son of God?

You cannot measure the fathomless depths of His capacity. He is full of compassion. His compassion faileth not. He will fulfill His faithful promise and come to take us to Himself forever. We look back to His cross and read our pardon. We look up to Him by faith and prove His power. We look forward to His coming and decipher our glorious and undying portion.

What a pure, undisturbed peace springs from the thought that the wisdom and love of God chooseth always that which is best for us.

Oh, troubled spirit! Let the sunlight of God's love come to you. Let His Holy Spirit comfort you, and you will find some day that your richest harvests have been grown from the soil of the years that you thought blasted.

"Come unto me, and I will answer thee."

"Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Dear reader, hold up your cup and get it filled to overflowing, and sing the praise of Him from whom all blessings flow.—Tract.

Spoiling Our Pictures

The famous Thomas Nast, in a public exhibition of his skill, once performed a strange feat with his brushes. Taking a canvas about six feet long by two feet wide, he placed it nearly horizontal upon an easel before his audience, and began to sketch rapidly a landscape. In quick succession appeared green meadows, with cattle, fields of grain, the farmhouse and surrounding buildings, with orchard near, while over all the bright sky, with fleecy clouds, seemed to pour heaven's benediction upon the scene below.

At length no finishing touch was necessary. Still the artist held his brush, as he stepped aside to receive the hearty plaudits of the admiring audience. When the applause had subsided, Mr. Nast stepped back to the canvas as if he had not quite completed the picture.

Taking darker colors, he applied them most recklessly to the canvas. Out went the bright sky. "Did you ever see a picture like this?" he asked, as he blotted out meadows, fields, orchards, and buildings. Up, down, and across passed the artist's hand, until the landscape was totally obliterated, and nothing but a daub, such as a child might make, remained.

Then, with a more satisfied look, he stepped aside, laying down his brushes, as if to say, "It is finished."

But no applause came from the perplexed audience as Nast then ordered the stage attendants to place a gilded frame around the ruined work of art, and to turn it to a vertical position. The mystery was revealed, for before the audience stood a panel picture of a beautiful waterfall, the water plunging over a precipice of dark rock, skirted with trees and verdure. It is needless to say that the audience burst into rounds of applause.

And thus it is that a greater Artist works. We paint our landscapes. How beautiful we make them! All manner of earthly prosperity, with bright skies above. We imagine our sketching perfect, but an unseen Hand finishes more grandly our crude designs.

Houses and lots, farms and merchandise, disappear. Yes, our portrait of

loved faces is blotted out. We cry, "Hold, hold!" but the Hand that applies the darker colors moves relentlessly on. We bewail our ruined pictures, because we have not the true angle of vision.

At last God turns the canvas, and there appears a work, not for time, but for eternity.

While Mr. Nast was spoiling the landscape to produce the falls, he might have said to the mystified audience, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." What puzzled the audience was plain to him. In each destructive stroke upon the one picture he saw a constructive stroke of the other; and what in the providence of God appears so strange to us, is most clear to Him who would save us from being "conformed to this world," and would help us to be transformed by the renewal of our minds, that we "may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." —Selected.

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What do I know about history, geography, literature, language, science, art, music, government, law, business, and inventions?
2. What are my ideals? Have I a fixed goal in life, or do I drift?
3. Do I possess imagination? Supposing I had been given the place of my immediate superior, in what way, if any, would I change his policies and methods?
4. Can I concentrate at will, putting my mind on a problem and thinking of nothing else until I have worked out the solution?
5. Have I courage? Am I afraid of losing my job? Am I afraid of being laughed at?

Time spent in study and in working to correct deficiencies along the above lines is worth real money.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.—Exchange.

Contributions By Y. P. E. Members

Love

By Cora Mae Martin, Desdemona, Texas

Jesus was hung on the cross, was crucified.
And it was because of love for us He died.
He was sent to this world from the Father above,
To save our souls, and it was all for love.

Matt. 27:35

St. John 16:2

When they hung Him on the cross, it was for me and you;
He said, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."
But the Jews only laughed, and with mocks and scorns
They placed on His head a crown of thorns.

Luke 23:34

Matt. 27:29

He died on the cross to save the lost,
He said, "It is finished," and gave up the ghost.
Yes, He died on the cross for you and for me,
Because of love, that we might be free.

St. John 19:30

As Jesus walked by the shores of Galilee,
He saw the two sons of Zebedee;
He bade them come and follow Him,
That they might become fishers of men.

Mark 1:19

Because of love they followed the Son of God,
They served Him as on their way they trod;
Bringing lost sheep back to the fold,
Out of the storms, the rain and the cold.

There is no respect of persons with Christ our Lord,
Rich and poor alike may share His reward.
To enter the fold, we must repent of our sins,
And live a life that is pleasing to Him.

St. John 10

We should love our neighbors and our enemies too,
For God is love, and if He abides in you,
You will keep His commandments and walk in the light.
Be good to them that hate you for this is right.

Luke 6:33

2 John 5:3

Luke 6:35

If a man say, "I love God," and hateth his brother,
He is a liar, for God says, "Love one another."
If he loves not his brother with whom he has been,
How can he love God whom he has not even seen?

1 John 4:20

For God is love, He sticketh closer than a brother,
And if God loves us, we ought also to love one another.
Then let us be true and work while 'tis day
For the coming of Jesus is not far away.

Prov. 18:24

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

By Miss Ruby Turner, Maud, Okla.

MOTHER!

God made you kind, tender, loving and true
And in this world we cannot find another like you.

MOTHER!

Tho' from us you have gone, leaving us sad and lonely too,
There'll be a time not very long when we again shall see you.

MOTHER!

God has a resting place, you yearned for day by day,
I long to see that place, I'll meet you in that way.

MOTHER!

I know we'll meet again on the happy golden shore,
Where we'll sing a glad refrain, being with you forever more.

Here is a piece written by one of the unsaved boys in the Y. P. E. here. It is so much what we need in our Y. P. E. that I thought it would be a great help to have it put on the Y. P. E. page. We have such a few Christian workers and have to use unsaved members in our work so much and they do good work when put on the program. Make some that have the blessings and refuse to take part look rather small sometimes. We have the most loyal unsaved members I have ever known. Seldom ever one will say, "No" when asked to take part. Pray much for them that they will give their lives and hearts to God.—Mrs. F. Cassels, President Y. P. E., West Asheville, N. C.

WHAT THE Y. P. E. NEEDS

Ralph Warren

First, the Y. P. E. needs more Christian workers, people who will be an example for the sinners, not young people that the world looks on saying, "I am as good as they are." When you are a fol-

lower of Christ the world will know it, and be the first to watch your steps and daily life. If you are good they will tell you about it just as they will if you are not.

Second, they should be willing workers, but I think all real followers of Christ will be only too willing to do their share. If you are on the program do your part the best you can and that is all the world expects. Don't let the Y. P. E. lack something because you fail. Carry your cross with a smile and by doing your share some one will use you as an example and do his or her share too.

Third is reverence. We need order and we need it badly. The church ought to be the most sacred place on earth. If the Y. P. E. members do not reverence the church, how will the sinner or visitor know to reverence it? It is not only bad manners but shows lack of home training. Would it not make us ashamed for a visiting preacher to comment on our bad behavior, or tell us we are the worst behaved young people he knows of? Why do people come to the Y. P. E.? To get something good out of it; and if we disturb how can they? If we do not respect ourselves we ought to respect other people's rights. Let us reform ourselves and act like ladies and gentlemen hereafter!

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's too bad this young man does not turn his life over to God. He knows exactly how to do it. I wonder what would happen in the next month if every Y. P. E. member would pray definitely for these young people who are so faithful even though they are unsaved. Let's try it.

THE BEST LIFE

Patient with others, but strict with myself;
Loving to give, and refusing all pay;
Doing the right, tho' it brings me no fame;
Honoring Christ, because signed with His name.

If times are hard and you feel blue,
Think of others worrying too.
Just because your trials are many,
Don't think that others haven't any.

Life's made up of smiles and tears,
Joys and sorrows mixed with fears,
And tho' to you it seems one-sided,
Trouble is pretty well divided.

If we could look into ev'ry heart,
We'd find that each one has his part,
And those who travel fortune's road,
Sometimes carry the biggest load.

So take courage, trial is a field of play,
And the longest hill has a well known way;
There are songs that shorten the longest night,
There's a day when wrong shall be ruled by right.

So courage, courage, 'tis never so far
From a plodded path to a shining star,
A little braver than when the skies are gray
A little more of patience thru the day.

A little stronger when the road seems long
And not so quick to magnify a wrong.
A little kinder both in thought and deed,
A little swifter to sense another's need.
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Children's Page

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

By Caroline Kellogg

You are preaching the gospel each day,
Little girl, by the words that you say;
You are preaching the gospel so true,
Little boy, by the right things you do.
If knowing the Christ makes you kind,
If following Him helps you to mind
In your home and at school, you may be
Sure that those all around you will see
That the Christ is your friend and your guide,
And will want Him to walk by their side.

If of all that you have you will share
With the child who knows sorrow and care,
She will know that the Christ is your friend.
You may not have much money to send
To the teachers far over the sea,
But, like Jesus, you're trying to be
Kind, unselfish and helpful each day.
So you're preaching the very best way
The sweet gospel of Jesus, my dear,
So that those all about you can hear.

BIBLE LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

TELLING ABOUT JESUS

By Flora E. Trim

Lesson: Matt. 28:16-20; Acts 16:6-15;
Mark 16:15. (Memorize).

Text: "Go ye into all the world, and
preach the gospel to every creature."—
Mark 16:15.

Jesus lived on earth forty days after
He arose and came from the tomb that
beautiful Lord's Day morning. His dis-
ciples saw Him and talked with Him at
different times during these forty days.
One day Jesus met them on a hill near
Bethany and told them how He wanted
them to go to all countries and tell the
people about Him. They were to baptize
them and teach them all things He had
commanded them. After He had finished
speaking God took Him back to heaven.
Then the disciples returned to Jerusa-
lem and tarried until they were baptized
with the Holy Ghost, as Jesus told them,
and they started from there to tell others
about Him, travelling to many cities.
Sometimes they had long hard journeys
and some were unkind to them. Some
were put in prison and some were killed
because they loved Him, but they re-
membered that Jesus had said, "I am
with you always." Precious promise! So
He will be with us. Let's be obedient.

THE GREAT LOVER OF CHILDREN

God manifests a tender regard for the
children. His prophet Joel said, "Gather
the children." Jesus said, "Suffer the lit-
tle children to come unto me, and forbid
them not, for of such is the kingdom of
heaven." Have you ever seen the picture
of the mothers bringing their children to
Jesus, and Him taking them in His arms
and blessing them? So the dear Lord
loves you and wants to bless you. Yield
your hearts and lives to Him, and be
obedient to Him.

Lesson: Matt. 18:14, 11-14. Memorize.

Text: "Him that cometh to me I will
in no wise cast out." (Words of Jesus.)
John 6:37b.

PRAYER

Leading Thought: Our only hope is in
prayer. Boys and girls must learn to
pray.

Prayer: Let us pray that we may all
be boys and girls of prayer. Let us ask
that we may learn how to talk to God.

In prayer we are communicating with
God in heaven. We cannot see God, but
we know He hears and will answer. In
the Bible we read of some boys and girls
of whom were Samuel, Joseph, and the
little Syrian maid.

God will answer if

I believe. Matt. 21:22; 7:7; John 15:7.
I ask according to His will. 1 Jno. 5:14.
I do not have sin in my heart. Psa.
68:18.

Let us go to God in prayer as we go
to father and mother. How often should
we pray? 1 Thess. 5:17. This means
breathe a little prayer such as, "Jesus,
help me," at school, play, or doing chores
at home, etc.

How often did Daniel pray? Dan. 6:10.
Let us decide to set aside a certain time
for prayer each day. Ask Him for special
blessings you need, and for unconverted
friends and relatives, etc.

(Memorize scriptures given).

JESUS IS COMING

Leading thought: Jesus is coming very
soon.

I want to see Jesus, don't you? I am
grateful that when He went away He
said,

Lesson text: "I will come again," John
14:3.

Song: "Jewels." Notice beginning of
each stanza.

"When He cometh," stanza 1.

"He will gather," stanza 2.

"Little children," stanza 3.

Prayer: Let us thank Him for the sure
promise that He will come again.

Lesson outline: Searching the Bible to
find promises telling us

How He will come. 1 Thess. 4:16.

When He will come. 1 Thess. 4:16;
John 14:2, 3.

God's people truly believe Jesus is
coming soon, is why they are giving their
money to send the gospel, and many are
leaving home and friends and giving
their lives to carry this gospel into all
the world. Children should save their
nickles and dimes to give, and pray for
missions.

Mary was asked:

"Tell me, why is it you are so differ-
ent from the other girls? In every thing
you do, you try to do your best. You
obey so promptly, you do your work so
carefully." "Why, don't you know?" said
Mary. "I believe with all my heart that
Jesus is coming soon."

Let us be ready when He comes.

HOW JOHN AND JULIA HELPED

John and Julia were hurrying along
under the old umbrella to get to Sunday
School, but they were not as happy as
usual. They loved the school and dear
Miss Eleanor, their nice teacher, but to-
day was to be the gift day for the
school, and they had nothing to give.
Other children had been talking about
money and outgrowing clothes, and toys
and books for the poor family that need-
ed help so much since their house had
burned down, but at home John and
Julia could find nothing to take, because
their mother was poor and had to work
very hard to take care of her little ones.

"Let's sit back in a corner so nobody
will know we didn't have anything to
give," said Julia.

"Let's," said John. "Maybe nobody will
know we are there."

"Mother cried because she had noth-
ing to give us, but she said maybe we'll
help by going," said Julia.

John was having a struggle with the
old umbrella, and could not answer until
the gust of wind had gone sweeping up
the street. "I don't see how it would help
by just being there," he panted. "That
won't get the poor family anything to
eat or to wear."

"I don't either, but mother knows lots
of things that we don't. Let's hurry or
we'll be late."

And what do you think happened? Mr.
Brown who seldom came to Sunday
School, saw the children going past in
the rain, and he said to Mrs. Brown that
if two little children could go through
a windstorm he could go too, so he put
on his big rain coat and started out at
once. When he got to the Sunday School
and heard about the poor family he took
a new ten dollar bill from his pocket
book and put it with the other gifts.

"This is really not my gift," he said,
as he put it on the plate. "I knew noth-
ing about the poor family and their
need, as I have been out of town for
several weeks. I had not intended to
come to church this morning, but when
I saw John and Julia Moore going brave-
ly through the storm I got ready at once.
A good example like that counts, and
this is really their gift."

Everybody looked at John and Julia,
and the little girl whispered to her
brother: "Mother did know! It helped to
come even if we had nothing to bring."—
Sunshine for Little People.

YOUTH

Each morning they troop by my door,
A dozen happy lads or more.
With ringing laugh and merry shout
They toss their books and caps about.
I wonder just what life will hold
For that bright boy with locks of gold.
And will the lad with sparkling eye
Some day across the ocean fly?
The quiet one, so tall and straight,
Perhaps some day we'll celebrate
His birthday, as we do today
The birth of heroes passed away.
Oh, may you grow up strong and true;
The world has need of lads like you.—Sel.

Exchange Page

Y. P. E. SONG

Tune "Willing Workers"

We are working for Jesus our King,
That's why we bring others to Him;
We will try to serve Him each day,
In this Y. P. E. way.

CHORUS

We are willing Y. P. E. workers
That's what we are,
Working for Him, others we bring;
We will gain new courage as onward we
go,
And our Y. P. E. will grow.

There are many in sin today,
They need the light of the pathway so
bright;
He is able to save them from sin,
Let's go out and bring them in.

Let your own light shine o'er the way,
Thru the darkest night keep it ever
bright;
You may win some soul astray,
Keep it shining on the darkest day.
—Composed by Mrs. Helen Gindlesberger,
Boswell, Pa.

Sister Gindlesberger says:
"Sometime when the meeting runs
rather dry or slow the little 'Pep' chorus
is very good in getting it out of the rut.
A good way to do is to select two good
leaders and divide the Y. P. E. into two
teams. Let the one leader start her team
off singing this song first and when
they are half way through the other team
starts and each sings it through three
times. It works successfully each time in
pepping up a dry meeting." This would
be good for your business meeting.—Ed.

Y. P. E. PEP SONG

Tune of "Me O My"

O me, O, my! We'll get there by and by,
If anybody likes the Y.P.E. it's I, I, I, I, I,
O my, O me, we're happy as can be,
If anybody likes the Y. P. E. it's me,
me, me, me, me.

Dear Sister Harrison:

Just a line to let you know that our
Y. P. E. at Columbia, S. C. is still grow-
ing, and we do enjoy studying the Young
People's Bible Lessons. They are a great
help in our work. The young folks eagerly
await the first of the month when
"The Evangelists" come. We like the Ex-
change Page and think it one of the best
in the Y. P. E. Department.

I am sending you a poem or song I
composed, you may use it for the Ex-
change Page if you need it. I feel the
title indeed is true "The Y. P. E. is Mov-
ing On."

THE Y. P. E. IS MOVING ON

Tune "I'm on My Way to Canaan Land"
Young people, hear, we're moving on.
No more we fear, we're moving on.

The Lord is near, we're moving on.
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

CHORUS

The Y. P. E. is moving on,
The Y. P. E. is moving on,
The Y. P. E. is moving on,
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're
moving on.

The world's behind, we're moving on.
We're feeling fine, we're moving on.
No more we pine, we're moving on.
Praise the Lord to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

The road is bright, we're moving on.
Filled with delight, we're moving on.
We know we're right, we're moving on.
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

With flag unfurled, we're moving on.
To a better world, we're moving on.
To the gates of pearl, we're moving on.
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

In youthful days, we're moving on.
Singing God's praise, we're moving on.
Carols we'll raise, we're moving on.
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

In the way that's straight, we're moving
on.
To the pearly gate, we're moving on.
Where our loved ones wait, we're moving
on.
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

Come join our band, we're moving on.
Give God your hand, we're moving on.
Yes, to glory land we're moving on.
Praise the Lord, to glory land we're mov-
ing on.

—Lonnie H. Shull, Pres. Y. P. E., Colum-
bia, S. C.

EDITOR'S SUGGESTIONS

We have received a splendid letter
from a friend lately and we wish we
might publish it on the Exchange Page,
but up at the top of the letter she wrote,
"Not to be published." We wish she had
not written that for we perhaps could
have explained the exchange page better
if we could have used the letter. How-
ever, I am going to use some thoughts
from it and withhold the name.

One thing she says is that their Y.P.E.
is having a struggle. Following this she
says she appreciates the good suggestions
from other Y. P. E's. She says we need
something new each time. I wonder if
this will not make some of our thriving
Y. P. E's. think of the good they might
do if they would just send in the good
suggestions from things they have found
helpful in their own work. The Exchange

Page is for this only. If you would help
me, we could stir up interest in many
places where interest is lagging. Please
help me, won't you?

Another thing she says is that she has
a good pastor and wife and that they
are interested in the young people. This
sounds good for without the pastor is
interested nothing can be done. They
have only three or four saved young
people in their church. I have an idea
what they need most is a good revival
to get these young people saved and on
fire for God. Let us pray for this revival
to come in their midst. Come on, Y.P.E's,
and let us do our best with the Exchange
Page. Get all contributions in by the
first of the month. The paper goes in to
the Publishing House at that time.

We received a letter a few days ago
saying, "Sister Harrison, I'm sorry we
haven't paid for our Lighted Pathway
rolls. I am going to do my best to pay
for them soon." I wish God would lay it
on the hearts of those who owe for pa-
pers to try to raise the money somehow
and send it in. I believe He will do it.

I'm sorry I can't answer all the let-
ters I received but it is impossible un-
less you enclose a stamp. Stamps are
high and it would take lots of money to
answer all letters. Will you just take
the young people's department as my
answer? I am trying to do my best to
make it a blessing and to help it to
meet your needs. The only thing I ask
is that you devour its pages. The sad-
dest thing I can hear from the lips of
some young people is that they have not
read a certain article that I so carefully
selected for their benefit. I know the pa-
per will be a blessing if you will read it.
I'm going to ask all who read the young
people's department from beginning to
end to send me a postal card next month.
Send them in quickly so I can publish
them in next issue. Tell what part of the
paper you like best. Write just a few
words on a postal card.

Again may I ask that all contributions
to the paper be sent to Alda B. Harrison,
504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn. Do not
order papers or literature of any kind
from us. Send all orders to Church of
God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.
We do not handle any kind of program
material.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Anything worth saying is surely worth
saying in clear tones.

The easiest way to get rid of a hard
task is to do it.

Nothing is gained by putting off—suc-
cess comes through persistence.

Think twice before you speak—for
words once spoken can never be unsaid.

A guilty conscience is the most un-
pleasant companion in the world. We
can neither outrun him nor lose him.
—Ex

YOUNG PEOPLE'S *Bible Lessons*

Characteristics Of Great Men That Christians Should Possess

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Lesson One

There is nothing wrong in following the righteous steps of a good man, but you may take eight good men and pattern after the weakest points of each of them and your whole experience and life would be as weak as their weakest place, but if you will look for the best features of their life and endeavor to make their best traits your example you can be as good and strong as any one. In this lesson we will refer to one of the most outstanding characteristics in the life of eight great men of the Bible, and then let each of us endeavor to possess these wonderful characteristics. This lesson is prepared for eight speakers, give each one a division.

THE CALL OF JEHU

2 Kings 10:11-28

1. Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord. V. 16.
2. He slew all of Ahab's great men. V. 11, 17.
3. He slew the prophets of Baal. V. 18-25.
4. He broke down the images and house of Baal. V. 26, 27.

The zeal of Jehu is essential in making success in the Christian warfare.

THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST

Christ is our example of life in every instance, but here we will get a lesson from His humility and submissiveness.

1. He was resigned to His own fate. Luke 22:42.
2. He was willing to forgive His enemies. Luke 23:34.
3. Reviled not, nor threatened. 1 Pet. 2:23.

THE PATIENCE OF JOB

James 5:11

1. Job had a terrible affliction.
2. His patience was good in his first trial. Job 1:21, 22.
3. Stood good after the second test. Job 2:10.

Usually during the trial of our faith we lose our patience, but therein patience should have her perfect work. James 1:3, 4.

THE FAITHFULNESS OF ABRAHAM

Gal 3:9

The promise is only to the faithful, therefore let us follow the example of the father of the faithful.

1. He was faithful in offering his son as God directed him. Gen. 22.
2. He was faithful in paying tithes. Gen. 14:20.

We should be faithful in the small things as well as the greater things of life. Naaman's servants said unto him when he had refused to be faithful in a small matter, "If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?" 2 Kings 5:13.

THE LOVE OF JOHN

1. The characteristic of John's writings is love. During his old age at Ephesus he often exhorted the Christians; referring to them as little children, he said, "Prove ye one another."

2. John was of a lovable disposition, and Christ manifested a special love and confidence toward him, in that He would to him the care of His mother. John 19:26, 27.

3. The supremacy of love is taught in 1 Cor. 13.

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

1 Kings 3:12

In all of our getting we should get understanding; wisdom is the principle thing therefore we should pursue it. God's people are destroyed for the lack of wisdom.

1. Solomon asked wisdom of God and retained it. 1 Kings 3:9.

2. There is a gift of wisdom. 1 Cor. 12:8.

THE HOLINESS OF SAUL

1. Paul was free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2.

2. He kept his body under subjection. 1 Cor. 9:27.

3. Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.

4. God is holy, Heaven is holy, the angels are holy, the Bible is holy and God has demanded that His people should be holy. Holiness is God's least requirement of man.

THE POWER OF PETER

The Baptism with the Holy Ghost gives power, Acts 1:8—power over sin, power to overcome temptations, and power for service.

1. Peter had great healing power. Acts 5:15.

2. He had soul-saving power. Acts 2:37, 41.

3. Power may be received by tarrying, praying, consecration, obedience, willingness, and action.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Lesson Two

By R. Huff, Cincinnati, Ohio

Scripture reading, Deut. 28:1-14

1st speaker: The blessed. Matt. 5:1-12.

2nd speaker: Ye are the salt of the earth. Matt. 5:13.

3rd speaker: Ye are the light of the world. Matt. 5:14-16.

And seeing the multitude, He went up into a mountain, and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him. What mountain was this? You might be called on to answer this question. It was on this mountain that Jesus spent the night in prayer, the disciples slumbering below. At dawn He called them unto Him, and

of them He chose the Twelve, whom also He named Apostles, and ordained them that they might be with Him and that He might send them forth to preach. Was it by simple designation to the office without any form or ceremony? Or was it by laying of Christ's hand solemnly on the head of each, then gathering the circle around Him and offering up a consecration prayer, that the Apostles were set apart? We cannot tell. It is surely singular, however, that the manner of the ordination of the apostles by our Lord Himself was in like manner as the ordination of the first presbyters or bishops of the Church by the apostles.

THE SERMON

The ordination over, Jesus descended to a level spot, either between the two summits (highest peaks) or laying at their base. The day had not advanced and the great multitude that had followed Him apprised of His place of retreat, poured in upon Him, bringing their diseased along with them. He stood for a time, healing all that were brought to Him. Retreating then again to the mountain side, He sat down. His disciples seated themselves immediately around Him and the great multitude stood or sat upon the level ground below. Such were the circumstances under which the sermon on the mount was delivered. It may have been the first discourse of the kind that St. Matthew had heard. We have no authority for saying that it was actually the first lengthy address delivered by our Lord. Many other longer or shorter discourses to smaller or larger audiences may have been spoken by Jesus during this period of His ministry, but this was the one selected by divine wisdom to be presented as a specimen or sample of our Lord's teaching as addressed to mixed Galilean audiences in the early state of His ministry. There was a change in the mode of His teaching afterward, even in Galilee, as there was a marked difference between all His discourses there and those addressed to every different audience in Jerusalem. Here upon the mount He had a vast concourse of people of all castes and from all quarters before Him. Nearest to Him were His own disciples. To them His words were in the first instance spoken, but they were meant to reach the consciences and hearts of the motley crowd that lay beyond.

SOMETHING NEW TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

This sermon on the mount was something new to the Jewish people. They were aware that there was coming a great deliverance. They had read the prophecies that the Messiah should come. They were looking for the near approaching of a new kingdom, the Kingdom of God. Of this kingdom they had no higher conception than that it would be a free and independent, outward and visible Jewish monarchy, and it comes, then would come the days of liberty and peace, of honor and triumph, and all kinds of blessedness for poor oppressed Judah. With what a delicate hand, not openly and rudely rebuking, yet laying

the ax withal at its very roots, was this deep national prejudice not treated by our Lord. What could have run more directly counter to the earthly, ambitious hopes, swelling up within the hearts of those around Him. What could have served more effectually to check them, than the very first words which Jesus uttered? Matt. 5:3-11. Out of the eight blessings surely we can be in one or more of these classes, that a blessing can be pronounced upon us. I wonder which would be the greatest of these blessings.

YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Jesus tells us if salt has lost its strength, it should be cast out, it is no good. Beloved, that is why so many are unprofitable now, because they have lost their savor. To be in touch with God means that we have power with God. If the ministers haven't lost their strength, they can deliver their messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. God said He would make His ministers a flame of fire. Mark 9:49, "For every one shall be salted with fire." That doesn't mean that we will be lukewarm Christians and not have grace enough to testify or to pray at the altar with the seekers. Psa. 104:16. "The trees of the Lord are full of sap." The ax is laid at the root of the tree, every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. The Lord's people are people that bear good fruit. They are also spiritual people. They must be fruitbearers before they can be spiritual people. Salt in certain kinds of food gives it the right kind of taste or flavor. Christian people are holding this earth together and holding God's wrath from it. It is enjoyable to live among God's people. "Ye are the salt of the earth." He was talking to His disciples. "But if the salt have lost its savor wherewith shall it be salted"? To take the saints of God out of the earth, what would be the keeping power of the earth?

YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

He was again talking to His disciples when He said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." We get our light from Christ and it shines thru us to the world. This light cannot be hid. It is impossible to hide this light. It is as a city set on a hill. A city on a hill can be seen for miles around. This light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. John, speaking of Jesus said that was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, the Jews, and they received Him not, but rejected Him. When they rejected Christ they rejected the light and are now in darkness. They walk in darkness and stumble because there is no light in them. According as it is written, God has given them the spirit of slumber. Eyes that they

should not see, and ears that they should not hear, unto this day. Not only so with the Jews, but to every one that rejects the Light. Rom. 11:10, "Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway." The Jews have been scattered ever since they rejected Christ. Rom. 11:25, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

BACK TO THE MOUNT

What could have run more directly counter to the earthly ambitious hopes, swelling up in the hearts of those around Him? What could have served more effectually to check them than the very first words which Jesus uttered? "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." How different the kind of blessedness thus described from that which His hearers had been hungering and thirsting after. How different the kind of kingdom thus described from that which they had been expecting He should set up, and apart from their special use and immediate service as addressed of old to the Galilean audiences, the beatitudes remain to teach us that the only true, pure, lasting blessedness for man consists not in anything outward, not in the gratification of any of our natural passions or desires, our covetousness, or our pride, or our ambition, or our love of pleasure; not in what we have, but in what we are in God's sight and in relation to His empire over our souls. The poor in spirit, those most deeply conscious of their spiritual poverty, their want of that which can alone find favor with God; the mourners whose grief is the fruit of guilt and unworthiness realized and deeply felt; the meek who bow patiently and submissively to every stroke, whoever be the smiter; the hungers and thirsters after righteousness, do we regard these as the happiest of our race? Is theirs the kind of happiness upon which our heart is chiefly set, and which we are laboring with our utmost effort to realize? If not, however ready we may be to extol the pure and high morality of the sermon on the mount, we have failed to take in the first and one of the greatest truths which it conveys, as to the source, seat, character, and conditions of the only abiding and indestructible blessedness of sinful man.

Questions About Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls

Lesson Three

By the Editor

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

We are giving you some questions on this subject without telling you where to find the scriptures that answer them. This is to be some work for you to do. To the leader of the meeting let us say, Pass out the whole list of questions to all of your Y. P. E. members and ask them to answer them on paper and hand them in. You may keep the papers together until next Young People's issue of

the Evangel comes to you and I will give the answer to each question. Then you may have a committee appointed to see who has rightly answered the most questions.

After a thorough study of Nehemiah many of your young people will be able to talk on different phases of Nehemiah's life and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. You may appoint certain ones to give the most impressive truth they found in studying this subject. This will be a change for you and should make an interesting meeting. Be sure to plan a good song service. Have some special music. Don't forget to always bring your musical instruments with you and use them. We hope to give you a lesson of this kind often.

THE QUESTIONS

1. Who was Nehemiah?
2. What induced him to decide to go to Jerusalem?
3. How did he approach the king?
4. How did the king countenance his request?
5. What preparations did the king make to guard his welfare?
6. What did Nehemiah do to get the work under way?
7. How was the work carried on?
8. What danger did the workers have to meet?
9. When was the wall started and completed?

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Lesson Four

By Peter C. Hickson

Scripture: John 1:35-49

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson we have presented to us some of the features that have characterized the Christian church during all the centuries 'nce Jesus began His public ministry. The Lord sought for men at the time when He began His work. John the Baptist already had disciples, his supporters. Jesus gathered about Himself a company of disciples, whom He instructed in the truth of the gospel and who were to win others to the cause of their Master. He was to continue His ministry in the flesh, but in a few years His followers were to spend their lives in disseminating the truths He revealed to them. They were to be His representatives and their work was to win souls for the Lord. We note the responsiveness of the human heart to the call of God. These men had long been under the influence of the scenery which was inspiring, but suddenly a man appeared in their midst in an extraordinary manner. It was not what he taught, but what he preached; it was his creation of the sense of wonder.

THE DISCIPLES WERE FROM LOWLY LIFE

This does not necessarily mean that men from what may be called the higher walks of life may not be called into

God's service. It does mean that God makes choice of those individuals in any walk of life which suits the purpose he has to fulfill. Jesus had work to be done in establishment of His kingdom, which at that time this class of men were specially fitted to do. In the first place Jesus came to help all classes, but the people who were most likely to hear and be affected by His teaching at that time were those known as the common people. "The common people heard him gladly," Mark 12:37. These were the great multitude who came to hear and to be helped.

The opposition and resistance to Jesus came from the higher class, like the chief priests and Pharisees. It was they who finally succeeded in condemning and crucifying Him. There were some exceptions like Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; Joseph of Arimathea, and the centurion; but the people mainly at that time who sought Jesus and were anxious to learn and believe were the common people. The higher classes felt their sufficiency, and looked down upon this man who, humanly, had sprung from the common people. His father was a carpenter and His mother a peasant woman. These men of whom He made choice from lowly life could better reach the masses at that time than if they had been from the higher classes. Many of the men who have eventually become the greatest have come from lowly life. Moses' father and mother were slaves.

MEN MAY BE SUPERIOR IN NATURAL ABILITY

They had the first qualification for a great work—humility. They knew that they were not and did not feel great. They were very anxious to learn. Think of how they asked questions and followed and listened to Jesus. When He would speak things publicly, they often asked Him privately to explain to them. They wanted to learn. They heard Him pray and they said, "Lord, teach us to pray," Luke 11:1. Think of the difference of their attitude and that of the lawyers, scribes, and Pharisees who were questioning and trying to deny Jesus' teaching, miracles, and parables. On the other hand, these disciples were accepting, believing, and trying to understand.

CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS MUST BE FITTED FOR LEADERSHIP

Much is often made by men, unprepared for the ministry, of the expression used in Acts 4:13 with regard to Peter and John being unlearned and ignorant men. It may be remembered that as wonderful as Peter and John were, when they were both living and God wanted His greater work done, He did not send either of them, but the learned Paul, the most astute reasoner, the most highly educated, and one of the most cultured men the world has ever known. Peter and John have their place, but they could not render the service Paul did, because they were not as well prepared. Who was it though who really looked upon Peter and John as unlearned and ignorant? It was the self-

important, bigoted Jewish council who knew these fishermen had not had the higher training of the schools. They ignored the great fact that these men had been trained for three years (the usual time spent in the theological seminaries) in the school of Jesus Christ day after day, hour after hour, and most likely night after night. They had listened to lessons, not of a theological professor in a seminary, but to the most logical thinker, the most wonderful preacher, the finest developed intellect the world has ever seen; a man giving daily demonstration and illustration of everything He taught and by His wonderful life making impressions upon them and inspiring them to everything that was noble, grand, and good.

WHAT IT MEANT TO THE TWELVE TO FOLLOW JESUS

Let's see what it meant to the twelve to follow Jesus, what companionship means, and how it shapes our lives for good and evil. "What seek ye?" were the first words of Jesus to the first one who followed Him. That would have been a hard question to answer, so mixed were their motives; but following Him clarified their ideas and purified their hearts, and into what a road led them, in such a strange way, so different from their preconception, so far from the Messianic ideals of the people, into which they naturally would have turned, but to a height above all they had ever dreamed. Had they not followed Christ, men would never have dreamed of building in their names the cathedrals of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John. Their names are not on the foundations of the new Jerusalem. Had they not followed Jesus, their names centuries since would have perished in oblivion.

A MOTHER TO HER SON

I ask not wealth for you, my son,
I do not ask for fame;
But oh I ask that you shall keep
A fair, untarnished name.

A Christian of the highest type,
With kind and honest heart,
Who loves his neighbor as himself
Willing to do his part.

To make this world a better place,
A man who falters not;
But serves his God and country well,
A man who can't be bought.

Who speaks out boldly for the right,
A man who's not afraid;
Who helps his weaker brother
As he climbs the up-hill grade.

Whose ideals and whose aims are high,
Who's loyal, fine and true.
All this has been my daily prayer,
Beloved son, for you.

"Might I give counsel to any young hearer, I would say to him, Try to frequent the company of your betters. In books and life that is the most wholesome society; learn to admire rightly; the great pleasure of life is that." — Thackeray.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. Walker

When inclined to speak of a person's faults, though he or she may be unfriendly towards you, restrain yourself, and think of your own shortcomings. Then, if you are a charitable soul, you will turn your conversation into another channel where there are no hidden dangers, and go sailing under clear skies in joyous sunshine. One thoughtless, impulsive, slanderous word spoken in the presence of others, and particularly in the hearing of those given to gossip and disposed to magnify what they hear, may ruin an innocent man or woman for life.

Clean your own house before you set about the task of cleaning the house of your neighbor. Purge your own soul of shortcomings, and you will find yourself so busy in doing it that you will not have time for inclination to discuss the defects of others. "Let him without sin," said the Master of men, "cast the first stone," and the accusers of a helpless woman stole away, one by one. Your faults and my faults have come down to us through the ages. So, let us always curb our speech, wherever we may be, and think noble thoughts instead of the kind that debase others and ourselves as well. Aside from the good policy of speaking no evil, there comes to the man or woman who may adopt it, a divine sense of serene happiness that cheers our way like the stars at night. And another thing that accompanies such a course is the ability to make real friends and hold them in all sorts of weather.—Zathah Lipe.

DEPENDENCE ON GOD

Christians often depend on God only partially, while leaning at the same time on some mercy of His hand to them, as children walk by the assistance of go-carts. To walk without any seen thing to lean on is a new and peculiar path, and as a child pauses and fears ere he attempts it, though desiring it, and glad when he has succeeded in ever so small a way, so with us; we see we ought to depend on God, we feel we may, we pause, we fear, we attempt, we succeed, we are glad! God's sufficiency is known to our souls. The first time a child walks by himself is a new era in his life, and though the mere beginning of it may be forgotten, the fact and nature of the act is known to him all his life long; and if it is interrupted, either by accident or infirmity, he feels it sadly.

When we have learned to walk in simple dependence on God we can never happily substitute anything else for it. If failure or loss of communion deprive us of it for a season, there is always the craving of the new nature to return to an order of strength so normal to it, and so natural to us as being children of God.—Scripture Truth.

God keeps a school for His children here on earth, and one of His best teachers is named "Disappointment."

THE BEST LIFE

(Continued from page 16)

A little gentler with the old and weak
And not so quick the hurtful phrase to
speak,
But helping the downcast and cheering the
sad,
Living our creed till it makes the world
glad.
Fond of our work and our friends and our
land,
Walking by faith daily led by God's hand:
This is the pathway the saints all have trod,
Thus is the life, hid with Christ in God.
—By Maudie Montgomery, 202 Water St.,
Weatherford, Tex.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a note of appreciation from Sister Maudie which we appreciate. The flowers are more beautiful, which are given while we can see them and enjoy their fragrance. God bless our little sister.

Dear Editor:

We are thankful for you and the interest you are taking in the Y. P. E. work. Words cannot express our appreciation for the many, many good blessings and helps the Y. P. E. department is bringing to the young people. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon you and your efforts in the Y. P. E. work. Pray for the young people of Weatherford, Tex.—A sister in His service, looking for His soon appearing, Maudie Montgomery.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR

Young people everywhere, greetings in Jesus' name. Have you ever stopped to think that in the last few years we have had to give up such favored personages as Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Thomas A. Edison, and Calvin Coolidge? We could go a little farther back and name many others. Then there is our own beloved F. J. Lee, and I'm sure each one reading this can name some Christian man or woman that they have seen lowered into the grave within the last year or so. I have stood over the remains of a mother, a father, and a sister in the past and I know what it means to experience a visit from the grim reaper.

Young folks, what does the death of an elder mean to you? Do you realize that it means more responsibility on your shoulders? Do you know it means more for you to do? It does. It means we are gradually reaching the stage in our existence when we have the full responsibilities of life resting wholly upon us. Are you preparing yourself so that you will be equal to the occasion when the time comes? Are you anticipating unfailing support to the cause for which Jesus died on Calvary's hill? If you are a true Christian and a loyal Y. P. E. member then you are truly following in the way that Jesus would have you go. Boys, girls, it is your duty to your Savior, to your father and mother, to the Constitution of this dear old United States of ours and to yourselves to be true to the cause and live so that when we are in the evening time of life we can look back with joy and say we have not lived in vain. We can do it. Let us all say in unison, "We will do it," and

God will help us be the man or woman that will be pleasing in His sight. Remember, "United we stand, divided we fall," "United in Christian fellowship we stand, the devil will fall." Let's stick together and be ready to fill our place in life when the call comes for us.

I am ready to do my Lord's will. If it's preach I'll preach, if it's pray I'll pray, if it was for foreign fields I would say, "Thy will be done." Pray for me that I'll ever stand in the center of His will and be ready to do that which is pleasing to Him.—Humbly, Jesse Clayton, Lake Park, Ga.

AS WE Y. P. E's. COME SWINGING ALONG

Over hill, over dale,

We will keep the Church o' God trail,
As we Y. P. E's. come swinging along.

Let it rain, let it shine,
We will keep the Church o' God line,
As we Y. P. E's. come swinging along.

CHORUS

Then it's glory be, the Church o' God for me,
Shout out your victories loud and strong;

Then it's glory be, the Church o' God for me.
As we Y. P. E's. come swinging along.

We will shout, we will pray,
We will walk the Church o' God way,
As we Y. P. E's. come swinging along.

The good old Bible is our guide,
It will surely keep us right,
As we Y. P. E's. come swinging along.
—Composed by Cleeta Mae Jennings, Asheville, N. C.

Y. P. E.

The local Church of God organized a Y. P. E. Oct. 4, 1932 with nine church members and about fifteen enrolled. Our brother in Christ, B. A. Scarbro, is our president and we have a real enthusiastic leader. Much interest is being shown by the older people as well as the young ones. Our average attendance is forty. We have a contest on with three local churches with points to be made on certain things, as time, attendance, new members and Scripture verses. A total of four hundred points can be made.

At the end of the contest all four churches will come together at the winning church for a treat. We are expecting it to be here and will give God the glory.

We are proud to say that we have made four hundred points most every Tuesday night, never below three hundred ninety-eight.

The church here is moving on in service for the Lord. We are expecting greater success this year. We are well pleased with our pastor, Brother T. F. Blackwell, and feel the work will prosper thru him. I thank the Lord for the way He is blessing us at Rainbow. Brother Blackwell just closed a three weeks' revival here with nine saved, nine sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost.

I think the Y. P. E. is one of the finest

organizations ever started in this section. We ask that the Church of God people everywhere pray that God will bring many into His fold here.—Your brother in Christ, Donald Tolley, Lowell, Ohio.

NOTICE

The Bible lesson on "Encountering Danger," in the last special edition, was sent in by Naomi Fenstermaker of Walbridge, Ohio. For some reason the name was not given.—Editor.

A SIMPLE CREED

"As a Christian, I am resolved, with the help of God, to keep my life in such harmony with the Infinite will that my physical, mental and spiritual machinery will run noiselessly and effectively.

"With His help, I shall not permit myself to be influenced by anything that will dim my vision of service or hinder the task for which I have been created. Neither will I allow sordid, selfish and grasping greed to mar this ideal, or thwart this purpose.

"By choice, I take Jesus as my guide, counsellor and friend to help me in the struggle of life and to bring peace, happiness and salvation to my soul.

"Trusting in His promises, I shall not doubt, worry or fear, but shall labor in faith, contend in love, and seek in earnestness the higher things of life as exemplified by Jesus Christ.

RULES FOR YOUTH

By Lina C. Venable

1. Keep your body clean, it is the house your soul lives in.
2. Study the laws of health, only the strong can give the best to others.
3. Be honest, kind, and brave; honest with yourself and the other fellow.
4. Dare to be in the right with one or two and there will be others to join with you.
5. Give to others the "square deal" and demand the same for yourself.
6. Encourage generosity by doing kind deeds.
7. Build character by forming good habits of thinking and acting.
8. Feed your mind only good, clean food.
9. Study to find out what is right, then stand firmly for it.
10. Get joy out of life and love the Lord for his goodness. Use his gifts for his glory.
11. Pay what you owe to your fellowman, and to your Maker as near as you can.
12. Be loyal to home and friends and you will make a patriot.
13. Growth comes by exercise. Do noble deeds, cultivate the good, "pull up the weeds," applies to life as much as to gardens.

Missionary Page

The Glory of Missionary Work

EVERY friend of Jesus is a friend of missions. Where there is a healthy spiritual life, there is a love for the missionary cause. When you consider the reason of this, you obtain an insight into the glory of missions, and into your calling to embrace this cause as a part of your soul's life. Come and hear how much there is to make missionary work glorious and precious.

I. It is the cause for which Jesus left the throne of heaven. The heathen are His inheritance, given to Him by His Father. It is in heathendom that the power of Satan has been established. Jesus must have Himself vindicated as the Conqueror. His glory, the coming and manifestation of His Kingdom depend on missions.

II. Missionary work is the principal aim of the Church on earth. All the last words of the Lord Jesus teach us this. The Lord is the head and He has made Himself dependent upon His body, upon His members, by whom alone He can do His work. As a member of the Church, shall I not give myself to take part in the work, that this goal may be reached?

III. It is the work for which the Holy Spirit was given. See this in the promise of the Spirit; in the leading of the Spirit vouchsafed to Peter, Barnabas and Saul. In the history of the Church we find that times of revival go hand in hand with new zeal for the missionary cause. The Holy Ghost is always a holy enthusiasm for the extension of the Kingdom.

IV. Missionary work brings blessing on the Church. It rouses to heroic deeds of faith and self-denial. It has furnished the most glorious instances of the wondrous power of the Lord. It gives heavenly joy over the conversion of sinners to those who watch for it with love and prayer. It cleanses the heart to understand God's great plans, and to await the fulfillment of them in supplication. Missionary work is a token of life in a church, and brings more life.

V. What a blessing it is for the world! What would we have been had not missionaries come to our heathen forefathers in Europe? What a glorious blessing has not missionary work already won in some lands? What help is there for the hundred missions of heathen, if not in missions? Heaven and hell look upon missions as a battlefield where the powers of Satan and of Jesus Christ encounter one another. Alas: that the conflict should be carried on so feebly.

VI. There will be a blessing for your own soul in love for missionary work. You will be exercised in faith. Missionary work is a cause for faith, where everything goes on slowly, and not according to the fancy of men. You will

learn to cleave to God and the Word. Love will be awakened. You learn to go out of yourself and your little circle, and with an open eye and a large heart to live in the interests of your Lord and King; and you will feel how little true love you have, and you will receive more love. You will be drawn into prayer. Your calling and power as an intercessor will become clearer to you, and therewith the blessedness of thus cooperating for the Kingdom. You will discern how it is the highest conformity to Him who came to seek the lost, and to give up your own ease and

THE MISSIONARY CALL

The world's great heart is aching,
Aching fiercely in the night,
And God alone can heal it,
And God alone give light;
And the men to bear that message,
And to speak the living Word,
Are you and I, my brothers,
And the millions that have heard.

Can we close our eyes to duty?
Can we fold our hands at ease,
While the gates of night stand open,
To the pathways of the seas?
Can we shut up our compassions?
Can we leave one prayer unsaid,
Till the lands which hell has blasted
Have been quickened from the dead?

We grovel among trifles
And our spirits fret and toss,
While above us burns the vision
Of the Christ upon the Cross;
And the blood of God is streaming
From His broken hands and side,
And the lips of Christ are saying,
"All my brothers I have died."

O voice of God, we hear thee
Above the shocks of time,
Thine echoes roll around us,
And the message is sublime;
No power of man can thwart us,
No stronghold shall dismay,
When God commands obedience,
And love has led the way.—Sel.

rest to fight in love the fight of prayer against Satan on behalf of the heathen.

Young Christian, missionary work is more glorious and holy than you suppose. There is more blessing in it than you are aware of. The new life in you depends upon it more than you can as yet understand. Yield yourself up anew in obedience to the work to give missions a large place in your heart; yes, in your heart. The Lord Himself will further teach and bless you.

And if you would know how to have your love for missions, as the work of your Lord, increased, attend to the following hints: (1) Become acquainted with the missionary cause. Endeavor by writings and books to know what the condition and need of heathendom is; what, by the blessing of the Lord, has been already done there; what the work is that is being done now. (2) Speak with

others about this cause—perhaps there could be instituted in your neighborhood a little missionary society. Perhaps one of your prayer meetings, say once a month, could be set apart for prayer on behalf of the missionary cause. (3) Pray also for this in secret. Let the coming of the Kingdom have a definite place in your secret prayers. Endeavor to follow the material for prayer in the promises of the Word about the heathen, in the whole Scriptures, especially in Isaiah. (4) Give also for missions, not only when you are asked, not only what you can spare without feeling it; but set apart for this cause a portion of what you possess or earn. Let the Lord see that you are in earnest with His work. (5) If there is missionary work that is being done in your neighborhood, show yourself a friend of it. Although there may be much imperfection in that work, complain not of the imperfection, but look upon the essence of the cause, the endeavor to obey the command of the Lord, and give your prayer and your help. A friend of Jesus is a friend of missions. Love for missionary work is an indispensable element of the new life. — Andrew Murray, *The Evangelical Friend*.

FIVE MISSIONARY HOW'S

By JOHN THOMAS

THE plan of salvation is clearly unfolded in the tenth chapter of Romans, tenth and eleventh verses.

What a joy it is to see the light dawning upon a convicted soul as the Scripture is explained. There is, first of all, the heart faith, followed by personal testimony, which always brings the assurance of salvation, and shame gives place to courage and peace through Jesus Christ.

We notice that grace makes no distinction of class or race. The Lord is rich to all that call upon Him, therefore any man anywhere can be saved, if the simple conditions are obeyed. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We are now face to face with the first "how."

"How shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed"? We have heard the heathen call upon the spirits of the departed; we have seen them call upon gods of wood, brass and gold. We know that many of them call upon evil spirits. But how shall they call upon "him"—our Lord Jesus Christ—in whom they have not believed? Is it then difficult to believe? No—but—

"How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard"? This is impossible, because faith cometh only by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The living God is not known among millions of heathens; they have never heard of Him. Their condition is fully described in the first chapter of Romans. The question was once asked, "Are there no good heathens"? Let the Scripture answer: "There is none righteous, no not one." What an appalling thought! Two-thirds of the human race without God,

without hope, and without faith. How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? Is it then so difficult to hear? Once it was, but not now. Some of the heathen in central China could tell you the name of the King of England and the President of the United States, but as yet they have never heard the name of Jesus.

"How shall they hear without a preacher"? Are we so short of preachers then? No! There are three or four preachers in a little village in the homeland to a few hundred people. Then Christian workers gather to their summer conferences, hold their feasts of fat things, give their experiences of the goodness of the Lord, and perhaps one meeting will be given to consider the needs of the perishing millions away in heathen darkness, hearts are greatly stirred, an offering is then taken for foreign missions, but what is the practical outcome of these spiritual gatherings? As far as the heathen are concerned, perhaps one preacher will volunteer, but—

"How shall they preach except they be sent"? The need is tremendous, but the need is not necessarily the call. The Gospel messenger must not only be saved and Spirit-filled, but, like Barnabas and Saul, he must be Spirit-sent. Those whom He uses most at home are the very ones He will use among the heathen. We have plenty of onlookers already; we must have men burning with personal love to Jesus, having heard from His lips, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" The motive power of the missionary, with a hundred difficulties unknown at home, must be, "The love of Christ constraineth me."

The last "how" will not be realized until we know something of the joy of going with Him with the story of redeeming love. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things"! What a beautiful sight the shepherds saw on the Judean hills. A company of angels brought them good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. It must have been a wonderful sight to see Jesus healing the sick and preaching the Gospel to the "poor," and ever since that time the true messengers of the Gospel have had the joy of seeing gross darkness and superstition give way to the light of the glorious Gospel of peace. Instead of the thorn shall come the myrtle tree. I once saw a building where a few years ago the Koreans used to gather Sunday by Sunday to worship Jesus. The day is coming when righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. So today let us do our part to preach the Gospel and thus hasten the return of the King.

"He who meets sorrow without bitterness and is not coarsened by prosperity; who is defeated but fights on, or is triumphant but remains humble; who carries the hopefulness of youth into the deepening shadows of age, and when the sun is setting is confident of the morn—this is the man who has lived well."—Dr. F. W. Norwood.

Shall I Pray On

For years I've prayed, and yet I see
no change,
The mountain stands exactly where
it stood;
The shadows that it cast are just
as deep;
The path to its summit e'en more
steep;
Shall I pray on?

Shall I pray on with ne'er a hopeful
sigh?
Not only does the mountain still
remain,
But, while I watch to see it disap-
pear,
Becomes the more appalling year by
year.

Shall I pray on?

I shall pray on tho' distant as it
seems,
The answer may be almost at my
door,
Or just around the corner on its
way,
But, whether near or far, yes, I
shall pray—
I shall pray on.—Sel.
Sent in by Mrs. J. M. Ward.

EDITORIALS

(Continued from page 9)

As when, through mists of years, I see
My childhood's Home.

How well I loved its cottage walls;
No fountain lawns nor lordly halls,
No splendor dazzling heart and eye.
But, just above, the deep blue sky;
Just 'round the door the woodbine
wreathes,
And swallows' nests under the eaves
Of my dear Home.

The cottage walls held treasures rare;
A mother's heart, a mother's care;
A father's love, who cheerfully toiled
To keep home's purity unsoiled.
And happy children's voices rang
In mirth and music, as they sang
Within our Home.

So now, I voice a hymn of praise
For all life's blessed yesterdays;
For all the joys the Lord has given.
Tho' earthly ties of love are riven,
Yet still with Faith's clear eye I see
Beyond the dark, prepared for me,
A heavenly Home.—Sel.

I am just now thinking of the time when I severed the home ties and started out to make a home of my own. I did not think so much about it until I was settled in my own little home in a distant state away from the loved ones. Oh, how the memories came floating cross the hills and valleys, some regrets and some happy memories.

It will be the same with you, if you have not already broken the ties of home, the time will come all too soon when the silken cord must be severed. This thought should make you eager to enjoy all you can the sweet dream of childhood. If you are making preparations for a new home which the poetry of youth has painted with brilliant colors, you should not forget that the walls of that new home must be forever decorated with the old one. You may place the wide expanse of ocean between the two homes, but memory will paint the home of your childhood, and whatever you may say or do will persist in hanging the picture on the walls of your parlor, your chamber, and your library. You may make your new home all that wealth and taste can produce, you may lavish upon it all the rich accumulations of youth and manhood, but beside the costly paintings that adorn the walls of its parlor there must hang that old picture. Do what you will, it must hang there forever. If you take it down an invisible hand rehanges it. It is a magic picture, and it requires not the light of day to see it. You can see it better in the hushed stillness of the night than in the light of day. If the associations of that old home have been unpleasant, if there is in that picture a mother, who, in the little room you used to occupy, sits weeping over your waywardness with the dark autographs of sorrow written across her brow, if there is a sister with downcast look, a father sitting by the fireside with his head resting upon his hands, prematurely old because you broke his heart, how will that picture haunt your guilty soul in the night! how will its sadness embitter every cup of joy, and turn to wormwood every pleasure of this new home!

You cannot ask that father's forgiveness, it is too late. You cannot go to mother, whose loving hand might, perhaps, put a veil over that hateful picture, or hang in its place a more beautiful one. It is too late for this, for you helped bring a coffin to that old home, long, long ago, and be assured that coffin will be painted in one corner of the picture. You can go to the old home, but the shed where you played with your little sister will be torn down, the house will be changed, everything will look strange except, perhaps, a few landmarks will be left. But this will revive no pleasant memories, nothing but the sad day when you quarreled about picking the apples, and struck your little brother, who is now sleeping just back of the house, in the garden, beside his mother. You can go out there and call his name, but he will not hear you. You may strew with flowers the grave of father, mother, and brother; you may erect costly stones, but these will not atone.

No, do not wait for that sad day, but while mother and father are still alive, and your little brother is with you, make home cheerful. Keep mother's forehead smooth, and father's hair unsilvered, just as long as you can.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON SIX

JESUS FACES THE CROSS

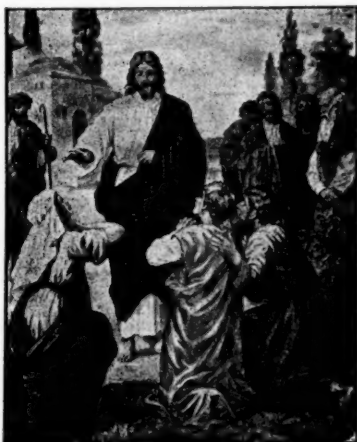
TEXT: Mark 10:32-45.

TIME: March, A. D. 30.

PLACE: Not far from Jericho, in Perea.

GOLDEN TEXT: And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.—Luke 9:51.

LEADING THOUGHT: Greatness does not come to those who seek it, but comes to those who render great service.



JESUS FORETELLS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Matt. 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-33

V. 32. Going up to Jerusalem—leading the way before His timid disciples, who were going up with Christ to His cross and His death, who were by this time beginning to realize what was about to happen and that He would be condemned and crucified. "They were amazed." No one could describe such times with the disciples who had beheld His powerful ministry and loved Him. "He took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen." Once more impressing upon them the dreaded realities which were awaiting Him.

V. 33. "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem." Here He again tells His disciples what shall happen unto Him, and that the priests and scribes will condemn Him to death. (See Matt. 10:36). "Deliver him to the Gentiles." The Gentiles who were the ruling authorities alone could condemn Jesus to death. They, however, side with those in authority and deliver Jesus to be crucified.

V. 34. "Mock, scourge, spit upon, and shall kill him." Such relates the setting at naught, deriding and abusive manner in which they dealt with Jesus. See Isa. 52:14 which describes the brutalities as mentioned. (Matt. 26:67, 68; 27:27-30).

THE DESIRE OF JAMES AND JOHN TO BE FIRST

Matt. 20:20-28.

V. 35. James and John seek a favored

position. Matt. 20:20 informs us that this request was made through Salome, "the mother of Zebedee's children." The two accounts are in agreement, when we allow that the request was made by her and for their benefit, perhaps at their request. They had been promised in Matt. 19:28 that they should "sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

V. 36. Even facing the cross Jesus was willing to hear their inquiry.

V. 37. The disciples though affected greatly as to His death, nevertheless here express faith in the establishment of a kingdom of glory, in which they seek a place among the thrones. St. Chrysostom finds an excuse for the imperfection of their faith. He says, "The mystery of the cross was not yet accomplished; nor yet was the grace of the Holy Spirit poured into their hearts. Wherefore, if ye desire to know the strength of their faith, consider what they became after they had been endued with power from on high."

V. 38. If, as mentioned in Matt. 20:20, Salome made the request, it must be here noted that He answered not her but her sons. They knew not what they asked. (1) Because the kingdom was spiritual and heavenly, not carnal and earthly as they supposed; (2) because they sought the glory before they had gained the victory; (3) because perhaps they thought that this kingdom was given in right of natural relationship (they were His cousins), whereas it is not given save to those who deserve it and take it by force. Before such victories and positions could be had, there was a cup of death and baptism of sufferings to experience; such was the final test of loyalty and qualifications for such a heavenly kingdom.

V. 39. Eager to share such a promise they affirm that they are able for such a cup and baptism. Jesus in reply informs them that such will be their lot. (See John 21:18-19.)

V. 40. "Shall be given unto them for whom it is prepared." St. Jerome wisely says, "Our Lord does not say, Ye shall not sit, lest He should put to shame these two. Neither does He say, Ye shall sit, lest the others should be envious. But by holding out the prize to all, He animates all to contend for it." Our Lord is also careful to point out that He who humbleth himself shall be exalted. But Christ is the Giver, not indeed by way of favor to any one who asks, but according to the eternal and unalterable principles laid down by the Father. That Christ is the giver is plain from St. Luke 22:29, "I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me."

V. 41. The same ambition as manifested by James and John was occasioned and excited by their actions within the rank of the others.

GENTILE OVER-LORDSHIP REBUKED

V. 42. "Jesus called them." He allows no misunderstanding to exist. "Charity becometh not itself unseemingly." Among the Gentiles, Jesus explains, is a rule or lordship, the great ones exercising authority over them. Such rule was foreign

among God's saints.

V. 43. "So shall it not be among you." He has not found fault with proper methods of authority to condemn them, but informs them that "whoever is great among them shall be your minister." Minister is translated from the Greek "diakonos" and means one that serves. Such was the order of the ministry of Jesus. See Luke 22:27.

The Lord does, however, condemn the use of arbitrary and tyrannical exercise of authority to set a brotherhood governed by the Holy Spirit through an order of bishops, pastors, etc. The true greatness of such determines their right and necessity to serve.

V. 44. If a man will be "chiefest" then he must be "servant of all." The natural law of blessings and help is that it descends from the greater to the lower. The design of God is to lift the lower to the level of the higher. Therefore, "All things that ye would that men should do to you, even so do to them," for those who are the humblest here, will be greatest and most exalted there.

V. 45. "A ransom for many." The higher here descends to lift the lower. His authority is here determined by the ability of Himself to serve. When He came "to give his life a ransom for many" He regarded the vast multitude of those who are included within His purposes of mercy. He "is the Savior of all men, especially of them that believe."

CORRECTION: Those of you who read the Sunday School Lessons no doubt noticed that there was a mix up in verse 43 of Lesson 4, in the April 15th issue. This was due to the fact that the type was the same as used in the Teachers' Quarterly and as it had been formerly corrected it was not noticed that the type for the two lessons had become mixed.

GOD HEALED

WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—Dear Evangel family, please allow me just enough space to glorify God by telling of a miraculous healing. Mr. Frank Evans of Secellia, Mont. sometime ago was attacked by a large beast which broke one of his legs below the knee and in dragging himself thru the corral to get away from the animal he poisoned the leg and blood poison of the worst kind set in. I just forgot the medical term, but worse than gangrene.

He was taken to Billings hospital where nurses and doctors held no hope for him. The poison was so bad that in bathing the wound with medicated water it would bubble like a punctured inner tube in water. The doctors wanted to amputate the leg at the knee. The next day, I believe, they said it would have to come off at the hip so fast was the poison traveling. Mr. Evans refused to have the limb amputated and overheard the doctors saying that there was no use anyway for it was just a question of time. He called his wife and small son and told them goodbye and gave instructions. But numerous people were praying and God healed him. If any one doubts this write to Dr. Moulins of Billings, a sanctified doctor and member of the Nazarene church. He is one of the number that prayed, also one of the doctors on the staff that treated him.—Sent in by M. L. Lowe.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

Missions

WE wish to again call the attention of pastors and churches to the mission need. There has been some response to previous calls, but there has been a downward trend in missions for now a long while. Though times are hard and money in some places scarce, we feel this loss can be offset by putting forth a greater effort, therefore we urge that each pastor and local church try to increase your mission offerings.

MEXICO

The new property we purchased in old Mexico has proven a great blessing to the Mexico mission work. They have had one great successful revival there with a couple of scores of converts. Many have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There is also another Pentecostal work that desires to unite with us, providing irregularities can be moved out of the way and, of course, that we can assume the financial support of this work which has about one hundred members and an able pastor. Would you not like to have this work under our jurisdiction? Would you not like to enjoy their fellowship in the Gospel and be able to say that we are fulfilling Christ's command, in preaching the Gospel to every creature? The effort that you put forth within the next few days will help us to decide concerning this new work. However, we believe that you will respond both in effort and cash actually needed. This is a great opportunity and money spent there will not only bring them the Gospel, but will result in a spiritual blessing and heavenly reward for those contributing to the mission cause.

OTHER NEEDY FIELDS

The overseer of the Bahamas reported last week that his work was generally moving along very nicely, but that there is much needed work to be done there, and of course, our laborers there are only a few. We have several calls from mission fields needing help, and workers that are qualified and willing to go, but we lack funds. Can we not cope with the situation by becoming more desperate in our effort to increase our mission offerings and to enlarge the number of missionary workers? It is so very blessed to give and so much like God who gave His own Son and so much like Christ who gave His own life that we cannot afford to withhold from those needy fields, the Gospel of our salvation which was made possible thru the death of Christ.

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

Are we not commanded to provide for

ourselves treasure in heaven where thieves do not break thru and steal, neither do moths corrupt? Is there any better way to provide such treasure than by sending the Gospel to those who have not heard? The Apostolic injunction was, He that does not work shall not eat, and if this be true, he that does not provide treasure in heaven will not have treasure when he arrives there. What is your intention? Are you merely trying to get to heaven yourself, or trying to be a collaborer with Christ? If we are to be like Him and to share the riches of His blessings and heavenly glories in the greatest and best possible way, it can only come by our laboring earnestly at the task that He has left for us to do.

REJOICING IN HEAVEN

If there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than ninety and nine who need no repentance, doesn't the occasion of a converted heathen afford a grand and sublime occasion for heavenly rejoicing? Do you rejoice yourself when you have done something that made it possible or occasioned rejoicing on the part of others? Naturally, the answer would be, yes. But this rejoicing is that of the heavens. It is your privilege to afford the opportunity for not only an unsaved man or woman in some heathen land to rejoice, but occasion the heavens to rejoice on the part of your action.

SCRIPTURAL

It is Scriptural to be missionary in spirit, it is equally Scriptural to be missionary in effort and in giving to those who labor in heathen lands. Not long since I read the story of a heathen idol maker who had become converted thru the Gospel of Christ. When his king learned of his conversion he decided that if the man who made his idols, that the king himself worshipped, had no confidence in them it was time for him to give up. He did, and accepted Christ and asked that missionaries be supplied in all the towns or villages over which he was king. Now I wonder who made it possible to send out that missionary, and I wonder how blessedly happy and gloriously rich they will be in heaven for their support of this missionary? Do your best for missions, give and it shall be given unto you again, good measure, shaken down, pressed down and running over.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.—Col. 3:1.

GOD WAS PRESENT IN A WONDERFUL WAY

W. Norwood, N. J.—Dear readers and friends of the Church of God Evangel, I will try to testify in your columns of the love and mercy of God to us here in this section. As many of the readers of the Evangel don't know where West Norwood, N. J. is located I will say we are only one mile or so from the New York state line so we are privileged to attend meetings in both states. I can gladly say God has been good, yes more than good to us up here. Praise His holy name!

Sometime in July we had open air meetings under canvas and God was present in a wonderful way blessing all who called upon Him in sincerity. Later we had cottage meetings in Tappan, N. Y. and God did not forget us on changing to our new field. He kept on blessing. Yes, praise His name, He does many things besides rolling away the clouds if we but trust Him. Well we have a favorable report for this section that God is real and doing a real work.

My wife and I want your earnest prayers. All praying people who love the Lord, please pray for us, even if at times the way looks dark, that God's mercies be extended to us in these trying days when without the Lord "men's hearts are failing them for fear." Friends, the Lord is coming soon and let us be ready for that great day. We are praying for you, and I know you will pray for us. Our faith is such that prayer is our stronghold to God's entire plan and purpose. I am trusting entirely in His services to supply just what is for our best and that we will press on to the high calling of God. Disappointment may loom in the distance as mountain peaks but God takes care of His own. Friends, let us all try to be His and be what He would have us be.—As ever yours in the Master's service, H. L. Alley, Box 229.

HE MEANS MORE TO ME THAN I CAN EVER TELL

Dear Evangel readers, I want to praise the dear Lord this afternoon for what He is to me right now. He means more to me than I can ever tell. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost and power from on high. He has given all of us a revival in our hearts. We all began to pray and beg God to bless and put His approval on our work here and bless His dear name He has answered our prayers. We have been going from house to house and to the grove and praying with believing hearts. Twenty-five have received the Holy Ghost in four weeks.

Our pastor, Brother McNear, is beginning a revival and we want all the people who know the worth of prayer to pray for God to continue to bless. Brother Earl Paulk conducted a revival here recently. Please pray for me and my husband to stand true and for my boy to get salvation.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. W. M. Tuter, Alma, Ga.

HURRAH! FOR GOD AND HIS CHURCH IN PORTLAND, ME.

We have had Brother J. A. Muncy and his son, Rola, with us in Maine for nearly three weeks. There were several saved and sanctified and twenty-three were added to the church. Among this number was a good Pentecostal preacher, S. T. Seamans, wife and daughter. All affiliated with the Church of God. He closed his mission in Bangor, Me. and his flock is now supporting the Church of God mission there. They will come into the Church of God as soon as the church is set in order there which I believe will be accomplished soon.

We had Brother Ralph Koshewitz and two of the Likins boys from Williamsburg, Pa. They are good musicians and their short visit to Maine, Bangor and Belfast, will be long remembered. Great good was accomplished. Many souls were blessed and the work was built up in general.

The work in Maine is growing in a wonderful way. I am now over two hundred miles north of Portland in a new field. They have a big Pentecostal Mission here where they have had conventions every summer for years. I am now in touch with the official board and they want the Church of God people to hold the convention next summer. Everybody pray that God will make us a real blessing to these dear people. There is some wonderful material here. We need good consecrated workers in Maine, those who dress like the Bible and those who try to beautify themselves with salvation and not other cheap stuff that comes from the ten cent stores. I am sure you understand we want all preachers who preach in Pennsylvania and Maine to try their best to preach the same thing. If you have any new light just wait until it comes thru the right channel before you try to preach it. I am not insinuating on those who have been here but just to keep any from coming that are not in perfect harmony with the teachings outlined by the General Assembly. We have all tried to preach the same thing in Maine and it is winning for the Church of God.

Brother and Sister Hesketh are doing good work at Belfast, Me. Sisters Bowles, Banks, Haworth and Legg are doing a good work at Augusta, Me. They are almost putting blood into the work there but God is wondrously working with them. Brother and Sister Ruark and Ella Mae Gains are doing wonderful work at Exeter Corners, Me. Brother H. G. Flowers and his mother are doing a great work in Bangor, Me. New fields are opening up to the Church of God. There is the greatest revival spirit in Maine and Pennsylvania I have ever seen. Good meetings are going on in Pennsylvania in different places. A great revival spirit is sweeping the state.

Preachers who read this, get down on your knees and pray until you can pray through beyond the shadow of a doubt. Pray until God gives you the name of state, town or city, or name of individual. Then stay there until you find out the details about what, how and when to make

the move and move at His command and don't worry about the rest. God will be right there just as sure as you obey. Matt. 28:19,20. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Sister Maggie Griffin from Kannapolis, N. C. and Sister Carrie Kalb from Georgia are doing good work in Maine. North Carolina and Georgia, if you have any more like these two send them on at once.—H. W. Poteat, 86 Washington Ave., Portland, Me.

CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The Lake Wales district convention convened at Avon Park, Fla., Feb. 24-26. Though it has come and gone it is not forgotten. There are precious memories lingering in our hearts and minds this morning of how God met with us there with His presence and power and of the soul stirring sermons that we heard by real God-called and church-sent preachers.

We gathered there Friday night. Service opened with songs and prayer after which Brother Danehower gave the welcome address. He surely made every one feel welcome to Avon Park church and we could feel God's presence and power there also giving us a welcome to come together to learn more about this good way. In response to the welcome address we had a testimony service led by the writer. After this Brother Williams, our state overseer, brought a soul stirring message on "Signs of the Coming of Jesus." This was enjoyed by all. Service came to a close with prayer.

Saturday morning we gathered back to the church again and started another good day. Services began with singing and praying. We had another good testimony service. Brother Williams then brought a good message on "Leaving Our First Love." He surely made a clear picture of how people were doing. That service came to a close with the saints at the altar seeking God for a deeper experience with Him. We were then taken to the homes of the saints for dinner where we were shown much love. After dinner we returned to the church again for service. We had preachers' conference that evening. We received some good instructions on the teachings of the Church of God. This was another good service. We went back to church that night for another good feast. We had singing and praying. After this Sister Shaw from Ft. Meade gave an interesting talk to the young people which was enjoyed by all. Her subject was "Winners for Jesus." Then we received another good message by Brother Shaw, the pastor of the Ft. Meade church, on "The Gospel and Its Effects." We could surely feel the effects of the gospel while he was preaching. An altar call was given. There were many who went to the altar seeking God.

We met Sunday morning for services

which opened with singing in that same good old way. We had short talks on the Sunday Schools by the superintendent of each church. After this our state overseer brought another good message on "God With Us." This was surely rich. When the service came to a close we moved to the outside where in just a few minutes there was a table spread with plenty of good things to eat. I say plenty, that's just putting it mild. Boys, it was there. We enjoyed that also. We then entered church again for the afternoon service. The churches gave a report of their work for this year. Afterwards we had another good testimony service conducted by Brother Whittimore. The power and presence of God came down upon us at this time and there was shouting and dancing under the power of God. We returned at night for the last service of the convention. We entered into this service with singing in the same good old way that holiness folks like to sing. After song service we had testimony service led by Brother George Glass of Lake Wales, Fla. and I want to tell you that this Glass runs over sometimes. After this we had a sermon by the writer on "Going the Bible Way." The convention came to a close and each one returned to their home but we are still remembering the good things that God gave us.—L. R. Alderman, district pastor of the Lake Wales district.

I THANK GOD FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD

MASTIC POINT, Andros Is., Bah.— I truly thank and praise God for His goodness toward us. How I praise Him for our state overseer's visit on the fourth of February! Brother W. E. Raney is our overseer this year. Last year we had Brother W. D. Childers visit our church the same month. Brother Childers is a good man. We couldn't see anywhere where any one could have exceeded his deeds or acts when he was here in our Bahamas. He surely worked faithfully, truthfully and lovingly and he opened our eyes to many things which we did not know. We must say God was with him and we were sorry when we heard that he resigned. Everybody cried because we said we had lost a good man, but we did not know that God had as good a man behind for us.

We thank God for directing the General Assembly in sending us a man like Brother Raney. Tongue fails to tell the goodness of him but we trust God that it will be shown by the upbuilding of the Bahama work, especially in business. Oh, he is a business principled man and that is the man we need here to teach us how to be fervent in business, serving the Lord. He preached three sermons and he spent a day in teaching us business. His preaching was so true and powerful until the saints and sinners all confess this is a man of God. Pray that God will bless him and this hard Bahama state. Amen.—Your brother in Christ, Ebenezer Simmons, pastor and district overseer.

DEATH NOTICES

PHILIPS

Mrs. Ella Philips, wife of Elex Philips, died March 6, 1933, age thirty-four years, and a member of the Church of God. Funeral conducted at War, W. Va. by pastor there.—Mrs. Virgil Peters, Eccles, W. Va.

HOLBROOKS

Mrs. Evelyn Holbrooks was born May 23, 1916 and died March 23, 1933. She left a bright testimony. Funeral conducted by F. W. Rollins. Interment in Omega, Ohio cemetery.

WOOLFOLK

Flossie Louise (McGaugh) Woolfolk, age eighteen years, four months, wife of Sidney Woolfolk, died March 19, 1933. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGaugh. Her testimony was, she was ready to go. Funeral conducted by Brother McCockrell. Interment in Fairview cemetery.—Mrs. Clyde Skelton, Indianola, Miss.

BENTLY

Sister Bently, age fifty-eight years, a faithful member of the Church of God, and formerly of Macon, Ga., died April 3, 1933.—Velma Jolly, Sylacauga, Ala.

WOOTON

Martha Wooton of Lynch, Ky., died April 11, 1933 at the age of forty-six. She was a faithful member of the Church of God and had the Holy Ghost. Funeral conducted by Brother Sam Holcomb.—A son, Hamp C. Wooton.

CRANE

Fred Crane, member of the Church of God at Central died. (Date of death, age, and place of interment omitted.)—Edward Allsep, clerk, Catechee, S. C.

A NOTE OF PRAISE FROM CLYDE, N. C.

As I haven't seen a testimony from Clyde in some time I feel it my duty to sound a note of praise for the revival just closed here with Brother Max Atkins doing the preaching assisted by our pastor, Brother Garland Grooms. There were several saved, some sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. I believe the saints have a deeper determination to press on than ever before as we realize thru the Holy Ghost that Jesus is coming soon. Thank the Lord that He ever led me into this sweet, humble, lowly way which is the one and only way from earth to glory. Praise God!

Brother Max Atkins is a young minister of twenty years but he surely has the work at heart. It is wonderful how the Lord blessed his efforts. I thank the Lord for our dear pastor and wife. We truly do love them. They surely do stand for God and His Church. I don't know just how to express my love for them.

Pray much for us at this place that we will gain many souls for the Master's service.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. V. M. Sanford, Clyde, N. C.

CHURCH CONTINUALLY GROWING

SEAFORD, Del.—The writer just closed a three weeks' revival here with good success. A number were saved and sanctified and several were filled with the Holy Ghost. We had with us Brother C. T. Franklin of Kannapolis, N. C. for a week who rendered some splendid music and singing along with his gospel messages which all enjoyed very much. Our state overseer, Brother D. G. Phillips, from Crisfield, Md. and his two sons spent three nights with us and every one enjoyed his deep gospel messages, especially the one on "The Church of God." It indeed was inspiring. Brother Phillips and his sons rendered special music and singing which was enjoyed.

There have been souls saved and filled

with the Holy Ghost and the church has been continually growing since the Assembly. On reaching here I found there were some good honest-hearted people who were hungry for God and hearts open for the real truth along with a band of dear saints who needed encouragement in the Lord. After a battle with the enemy we, through God's help, broke his lines, the wall began to crumble and by praying and holding on to God He has given us souls, brought others back and added to our ranks until many others are looking this way for which we praise God.

We have some loyal members at Seaford church who I am expecting to meet in the rapture. I truly covet the prayers of all who read this that God will make this a great church where many will find Jesus precious to their souls.—F. W. Anderson, pastor.

The Lord gave the Word; great was the company of those that published it.—Ps. 68:11.

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EXPECTS MICHIGAN TO COME TO THE FRONT

GRAND LEDGE, Mich.—I am sending you a report of the revival now in progress. The meetings are now in the third week and to date we have had thirty-three conversions, nineteen sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. The meetings are growing in interest, are well attended and we are wonderfully blessed. Mrs. Ruth E. Justin of Detroit is the speaker. We much appreciate her direct, simple preaching, without fear or favor, uncovering sin, reproving, rebuking and exhorting. She is a wonderful woman of God. We have received many messages in other tongues all testifying to the IMMEDIATE, SUD-DEN return of the Savior and warnings to the unsaved and unready.

Last week I received a severe shock which the doctor said caused an artery to burst in the base of the brain but by prayer it was instantly healed. There is not even a clot to cause trouble. The doctor declared I would surely die or go insane within ten days, that there was no possible help. How he did stare when, the next morning, I walked into his office perfectly healed. Surely I praise God WITH ALL MY MIGHT.

I have recently left the Baptist church where I had been playing fairly continuously for about twenty years. Just before the opening of this meeting I one day sent for Brother Maguire, the pastor of this church, to come to my studio as I wanted to talk to him. He came and by showing me the Word I have been sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. May I also state that Brother Maguire's faithfulness, devotion, hardships, unmerited abuse (outside his own congregation), and patience are without parallel to my knowledge since the Apostolic days. He has never said one word of complaint but has kept sweet and victorious thru it all.

In these meetings we are assisted by Brother and Sister Biskner of Maple Ridge. Sister Biskner is the pianist. Her style is just perfect for the meeting and her playing is much enjoyed. Brother Biskner has charge of the prayer meetings.

I graduated from a Conservatory of Music, accredited and of world-wide acceptance with a final standing of over ninety-six. I was examined and graduated with two degrees by Rudolph Ganz, the world famous artist of New York. I turned down many invitations to concerts, some in New York at huge salary. In conferences and evangelistic work I have been with Dr. G. B. Winrod, Clarence Jones of Raders Tabernacle, Rev. Jack Cardiff, Rev. W. S. Colegrove, Howard L. Fleming and others. I also received an invitation to become first pianist at the huge Defender Tabernacle at Oklahoma City and many others. When in the world I studied deeply the Occult Sciences, Psychology, Spiritism, etc. intending to seek admittance to the Order of the Rosicrucians. How I do praise God for ALL HE HAS DONE for me.

Brother Paulk, the state overseer, en-

thuses us very much. He rolls up his shirt sleeves, sheds collar, tie and coat, and goes at it! I have never heard a man who knows the Word better than he. Maybe we do "live at the north pole" but we have many HUNGRY hearts in Michigan and with a REAL HUSTLER at the helm Michigan ought to go over the top and become the FOREMOST state in the Union or of the REAL CHURCH. We need a man who had the real FIRE and we have got it in Brother Paulk. I know many people in the refrigerators of this city who have hungry hearts and are longing for the truth but do not see it. If we work and pray Michigan ought to become something for God. Please pray for us.—Rivington M. Lord, Mus. Doc., 421 W. Jefferson.

DIST. CONVENTION A BLESSING

Friday evening, March 10 at seven-thirty the convention opened with songs and prayer. The welcome address was given by the writer. We had response by testimony which was greatly enjoyed by those present. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, took charge of the convention. Owing to the absence of Brother J. H. Griffin Brother Williams called on Brother H. L. Chesser, pastor of Lakeland church, to bring the message. His message was timely and uplifting and enjoyed by those present. Altar service followed.

Saturday morning at ten o'clock we met. Not so many were present but we had a good time because the Lord was with us. Saturday afternoon at two-thirty we met for ministers' conference and there we enjoyed the discussion and advice given out. Again at seven-thirty we met. After songs and prayer we listened to a good message on "The Holy Ghost and His Office Work" by Brother B. W. Watson, pastor of the Zellwood church. This message was enjoyed. Altar service followed.

Sunday morning we met at ten o'clock for service. We had interesting talks by Sunday School superintendents after which Brother E. W. Williams brought us a message on "Emmanuel." This message was greatly enjoyed, I believe, by all present. Souls were uplifted and blessed as the message went forth. At noon we enjoyed a good dinner. We had plenty for everybody present. At two-thirty we met for another feast and to be sure it came when Brother Williams called on Sister Watson to lead the testimony service. This service was surely enjoyed. At seven-thirty we met again for service. We had singing by Brother and Sister Ernest Kerce of Clearwater, also Joe Sullivan and Sister Thelma Futch of Largo with Sister Vesta at the piano. This was all not to be endured but enjoyed. We had with us the Purcell quartet. They favored us with a few numbers which was enjoyed. After this the writer brought a message on "How Shall We Escape?" We had an altar service. There was a goodly number at the altar.

To say the least of it the convention

was a success. The meeting is still going on and two have received the Holy Ghost. All pray that God will give us a great ingathering of precious souls. Come again one and all.—Humbly, J. A. Self, 13 S. Parramore St., Orlando, Fla.

I PRAISE GOD FOR THIS PLAN OF SALVATION

JAMAICA, B.W.I., Broadgate Church of God.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise God this morning. I can report victory down in my soul, praise His holy name. I truly praise God for this plan of salvation. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am resting, I am feasting, glory to His name! There was a time when I did not know my God but today I am rejoicing in Him. Dear saints, I ask all to pray for me for I am weak but I know that Jesus has power to save and to keep if I will but stand true. It is my desire to go thru with Him for I know that greater joy is on before.

Pray for our church here for I can say it is growing rapidly. We have just closed a revival here with Sister Monroe as evangelist and Sister Doris and Sister Henry as coworkers. Several were saved and sanctified and three were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. On the last week we had Elder S. A. Roberts with us. He conducted the baptismal service. Nine followed the Lord in water baptism. Oh, how the Lord did bless. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. Our evangelist is giving out the Word in its fullness. Many souls have seen the need of salvation and are looking this way. Backsliders are being reclaimed. To all who know the worth of prayer, we are asking you to put us before the Lord that these meetings may be a blessing to our souls.—A brother in the Lord, S. Roper.

13 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST, 16 ADDED TO CHURCH

We have just closed a four weeks' revival and the Lord did wonderfully bless us. There were thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, ten sanctified, twelve saved and sixteen added to the church. Dear friends, it pays to let the Holy Ghost have His way. The revival started with Brother Revels, our pastor, in charge and with Brother Lee assisting him in the preaching. Later Brother Charlie P. Shaw and wife and Brother Paul Wilkins came. They had charge of the song services and the Lord wonderfully blessed their work. They surely were good altar workers. The members worked faithfully. They fasted and prayed during the revival for lost souls. We closed the revival with a house full of people. We give God all the praise for it. The Holy Ghost was in the lead all the way thru. We want all the people to pray for the Lacoochee church.—Your brother in Christ, Gordon G. Lee, clerk, Lacoochee, Fla.

REVIVAL CLOSED WITH SUCCESS

E. ALTON, Ill.—We have closed a revival at the Church of God in East Alton with very good success. Sister Eva Davis of Equality, Ill. did the preaching. Sister Louise Medley of Equality was at the piano. The preaching was enjoyed by all, also the music.

We think any one in need of an evangelist would do well to acquire the services of Sister Davis. The Lord wonderfully blesses her in giving out the truth. There were forty-four definite experiences in the Lord during the meeting. We believe it to be the most far searching of any meeting held in this place. Pray for us in East Alton.—Yours in Him, Forest S. Ash, pastor.

THE LORD IS BLESSING THEIR EFFORTS

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in the name of Him who died that we might have eternal life. Oh, He is so precious to me! There is more joy in serving Jesus one day than this world could ever afford. Tongue can never tell the peace and happiness we find in this good and glad highway of holiness. I would not exchange my hope of heaven for this world. Oh, glory!

Just a word for the church at Charleston, S. C. Brother J. C. Brooks, the pastor, invited my father to preach for him March 4th and 5th. Mother, Sister Minnie Kinsey, Sister Mary Cloy and I went with him. Brother Brooks and his wife surely are on fire for the Lord. The members say the church is in better shape now than it ever has been. They have bought a lot to build a church and soon will start on the building.

The sisters have a sewing circle and they meet on certain nights to sew. They piece quilts and quilt them. There is a dry goods store there that takes orders for their goods. The proceeds go to help pay on the church. The Lord surely is blessing their efforts in a wonderful way.

They surely have a lively Sunday School too. It is just wonderful to see how they have those little children trained to sing. They can really sing down the power for we got our share while we were there.

The house was full of people Sunday night and they surely seemed to be interested. One was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost Saturday night and one received the Holy Ghost Sunday night. We left others seeking. Pray for the work there.—Your sister in Christ, Beulah Osban, Box 391, Aiken, S. C.

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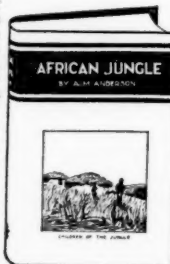
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TURNING A REVIVAL LOOSE

RICHMOND DALE, Ohio.—Thank God for victory thru the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost. We have had a wonderful revival for the last five months. God has wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost a number of people for His Bride. There have been twenty-six saved, twenty sanctified and eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost. All this has been accomplished thru obedience to God and letting the Holy Ghost have His way. We are glad to say that the Lord will bless in the services if the people will work with a sincere heart full of love. We have had an awful battle with spiritual wickedness, with people who professed to have the Holy Ghost. We are blessed with all that's good but we are little understood. We are marching on to glory where we will tell the story, how we overcome sin and the devil, when we've reached that fair city at last.

Pray for me that I will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God that when my work on earth is done then I can go shouting home to God to receive the crown I've won. May the Lord bless His work over the whole world is my prayer.—C. S. Myers, evangelist.